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# SM Higgs properties and rare decays in ATLAS



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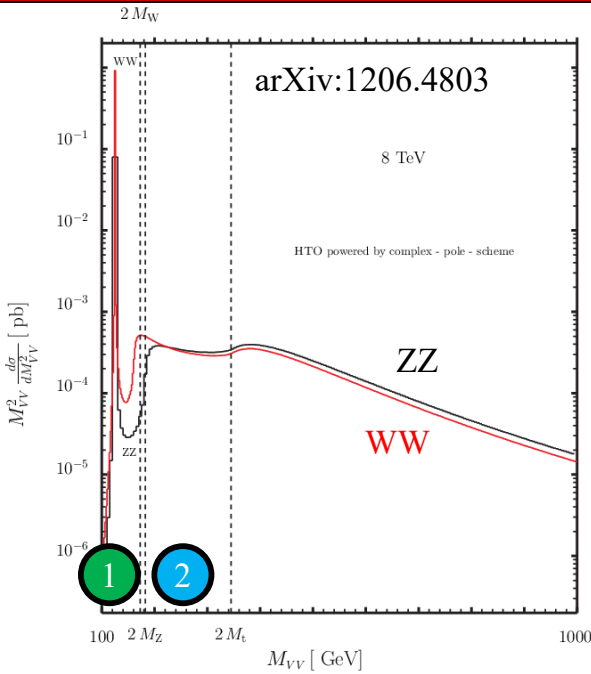
(see other presentation by Ruggero Turra, ATLAS searches in the Higgs sector for  $H_{\neq 125}$ )

With the full Run 2 pp collision dataset collected at 13 TeV, very precise measurements of Higgs boson properties and its interactions can be performed, shedding light over the electroweak symmetry breaking mechanism. This talk presents measurements performed using the Run 2 dataset, as well as first results using the Run 3 pp collision dataset collected since 2022 at 13.6 TeV. Measurements of the Higgs boson properties by the ATLAS experiment in various decay channels are shown, including its production cross sections, simplified template cross sections, mass, width, CP quantum number, differential and fiducial cross sections, as well as their combination and interpretations. Specific scenarios of physics beyond the Standard Model are tested, as well as a generic extension in the framework of the Standard Model Effective Field Theory. The talk also presents the latest HH searches, which are sensitive to the Higgs boson self-coupling. results are shown in terms of sensitivity to the SM HH production and limits on the Higgs boson self-coupling.

# Overview analyses presented

			Production modes					
			Inclusive/combined	ggH	VBF	WH	ZH	ttH
H	Combination		ATLAS, Run 2, $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV, $L=139$ fb <sup>-1</sup> , <a href="#">JHEP 11 (2024) 097</a> February 2024					
		$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$	Run 3, $\sqrt{s}=13.6$ TeV, $L=29.0-31.4$ fb <sup>-1</sup> , <a href="#">EPJC 84 (2024) 78</a> , June 2023					
	bosons	$H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$	ATLAS, Run 2, $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV, $L=140$ fb <sup>-1</sup> , <a href="#">CERN-EP-2024-298</a> , off-shell, NSBI, $\Gamma_H$ , December 2024					
	fermions	$H \rightarrow bb$				Run 2, $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV, $L=140$ fb <sup>-1</sup> , <a href="#">CERN-EP-2024-237</a> , October 2024	ATLAS, Run 2, $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV, $L=140$ fb <sup>-1</sup> , <a href="#">CERN-EP-2024-194</a> , July 2024	
		$H \rightarrow cc$						
		$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$	Run 2, $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV, $L=140$ fb <sup>-1</sup> , <a href="#">CERN-EP-2024-198</a> , July 2024					
	rare	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + c$	ATLAS, Run 2, $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV, $L=140$ fb <sup>-1</sup> , <a href="#">CERN-EP-2024-175</a> , July 2024					
$H \rightarrow D^*\gamma$ flavour violation coupling		ATLAS, Run 2, $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV, $L=136.3$ fb <sup>-1</sup> , <a href="#">PLB 855 (2024) 138762</a> , February 2024						
HH	combination	ATLAS, Run 2, $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV, $L=126-140$ fb <sup>-1</sup> , <a href="#">PRL 133 (2024) 101801</a> , June 2024						
HHH		ATLAS, Run 2, $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV, $L=126$ fb <sup>-1</sup> , <a href="#">CERN-EP-2024-285</a> , Nov. 2024						

# $\Gamma_H$ with $H^* \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$



$$\frac{d\sigma^{H \rightarrow VV}}{dm_{VV}^2} \propto \frac{g_{prod}^2(\hat{s}) g_{decay}^2(\hat{s})}{m_H^2 \Gamma_H^2 + (m_{VV}^2 - m_H^2)^2}$$

(1)  $\sigma_{on-shell}^{H \rightarrow VV} \propto \frac{g_{prod}^2(m_H) g_{decay}^2(m_H)}{\Gamma_H}$

H on-shell  
1 Z off shell

(2)  $\frac{d\sigma_{off-shell}^{H^* \rightarrow VV}}{dm_{VV}^2} \propto g_{prod}^2(\hat{s}) g_{decay}^2(\hat{s})$

H off-shell: 10% contribution  
Z on shell

→ disentangle  $\Gamma_H$

(if no BSM altering on, off- couplings differently for ggH (loop), HZZ)

- Considers various processes: S, B, interference, non-interference terms

S	B	I	NI (non-interfering)
$ \mathcal{M}_S ^2 \propto g_g^2 g_V^2$	-	$2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_S \mathcal{M}_B^*) \propto g_g g_V < 0$	

(here example is for gg, but considers also EW (qq))

Unique scaling for each component → pdf = f( $\kappa_g, \kappa_V$ )

# $\Gamma_H$ with $H^* \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

- Selection

Kinematics, **Higgs off-shell:  $180 < m_{4l} < 2000$  GeV**

Event description using 14 obs. +preselection Neural Network (NN)  
+Control Region for background

- Neural Simulation-Based Inference (NSBI)

Per-event likelihood ratio from NN from 14 observables  
optimally sensitive to any value of signal strength ( $\mu$ )

- Results

$Z_{\text{obs}} = 2.5$  ( $Z_{\text{exp}} = 1.3$ ),  $\mu_{\text{off-shell}} = 0.87^{+0.75}_{-0.54}$  (exp:  $1.00^{+1.04}_{-0.95}$ )

Comb. w/ 2l 2 $\nu$  channel:  $Z_{\text{obs}} = 3.7$  ( $Z_{\text{exp}} = 2.4$ )

$\mu_{\text{off-shell}} = 1.06^{+0.62}_{-0.45}$  (exp:  $1.00^{+0.83}_{-0.83}$ )

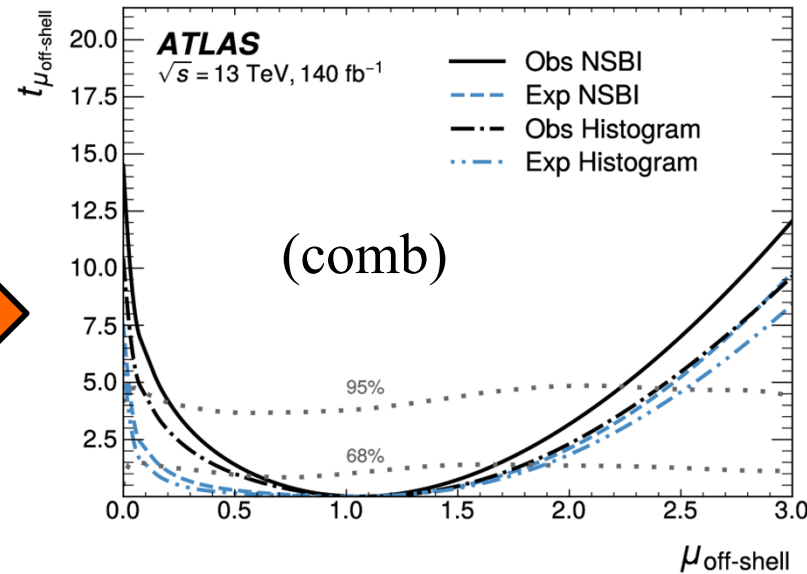
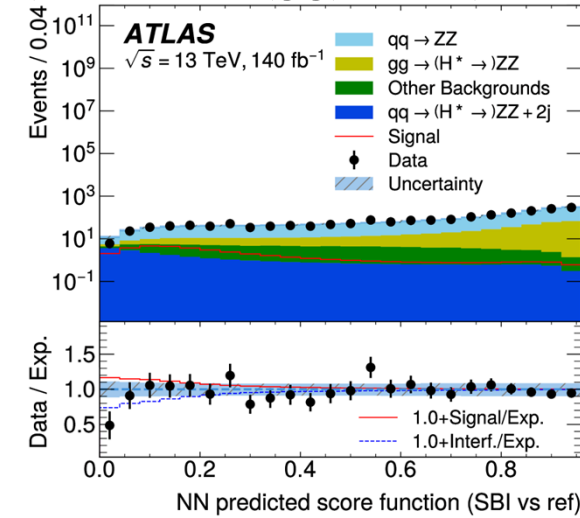
**→evidence off-shell** (already in past, [PLB 846 \(2023\) 138223](#))



Combination w/ on-shell  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

$\Gamma_H = 4.3^{+2.7}_{-1.9}$  MeV (exp:  $\Gamma_H = 4.1^{+3.5}_{-3.4}$  MeV)

(here  $X = S(\text{gg}) + B + I$ )



# VH, H → bb, H → cc

Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  $L=140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , CERN-EP-2024-237, October 2024

## Complex selection

b-jet corr. :  $\sigma_{mH}$  improved up to 40 %

Flavour tagging & efficiency

DL1R: b: 70%, c: 45%

Categories:

V(vv/lv/ll), #b, #c, #light jets

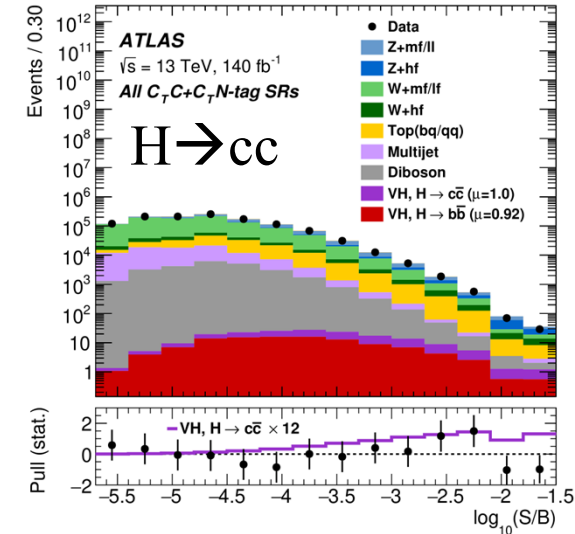
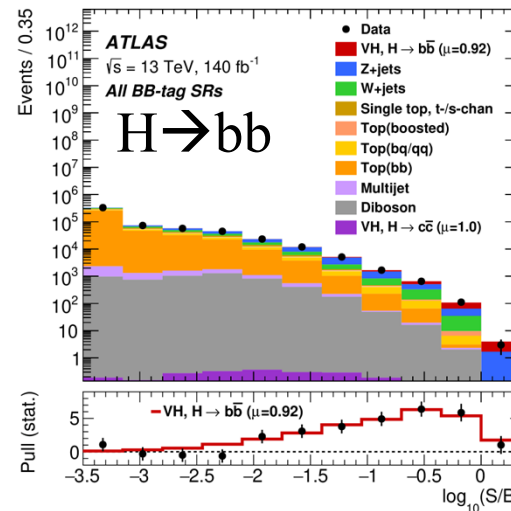
$p_T^V$  (resolved, boosted)

control Regions

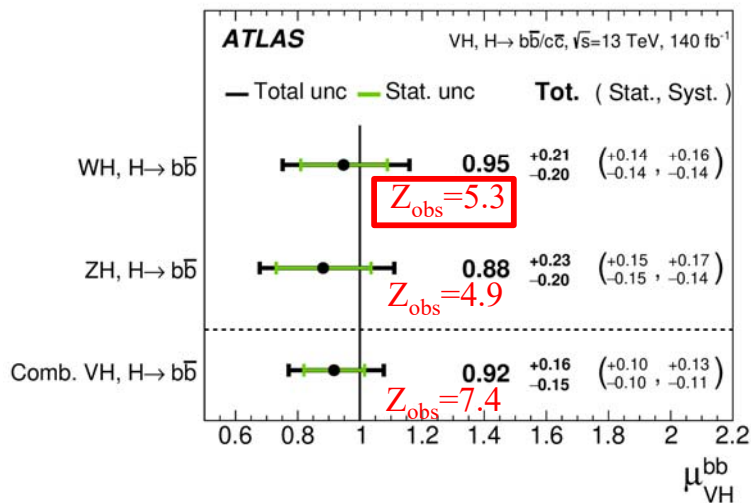
Validation analysis: VZ ( $Z_{\text{obs}} > 5$ )

Final Discriminant Variable (DV): BDTs

## Results

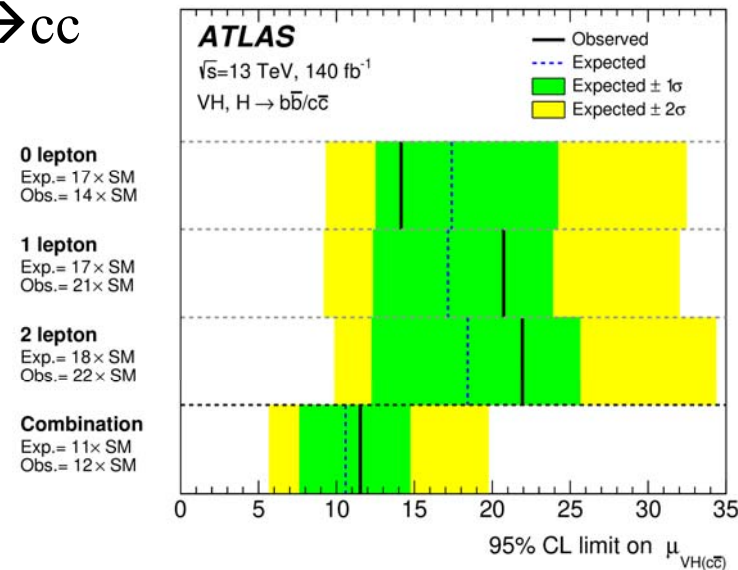


## H → bb



First observation of WH, H → bb

## H → cc



VH(cc) 95% CL limit: 11.5xSM

# VH, H → bb, H → cc

- VH interpreted in  $\kappa$ -framework

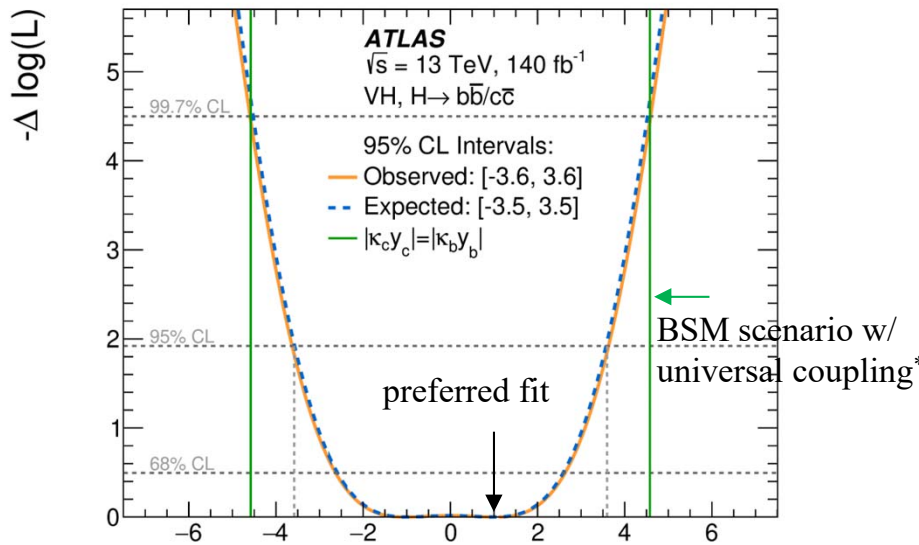
Parameterise signal strength in amplitude scaling

$|\kappa_c/\kappa_b|$ : no assumption on  $\Gamma_H$

95% CL limit

obs: 3.6xSM

exp: 3.5xSM



Confirming non-universality of Hqq coupling:  $Y_{hcc} < Y_{Hbb}$

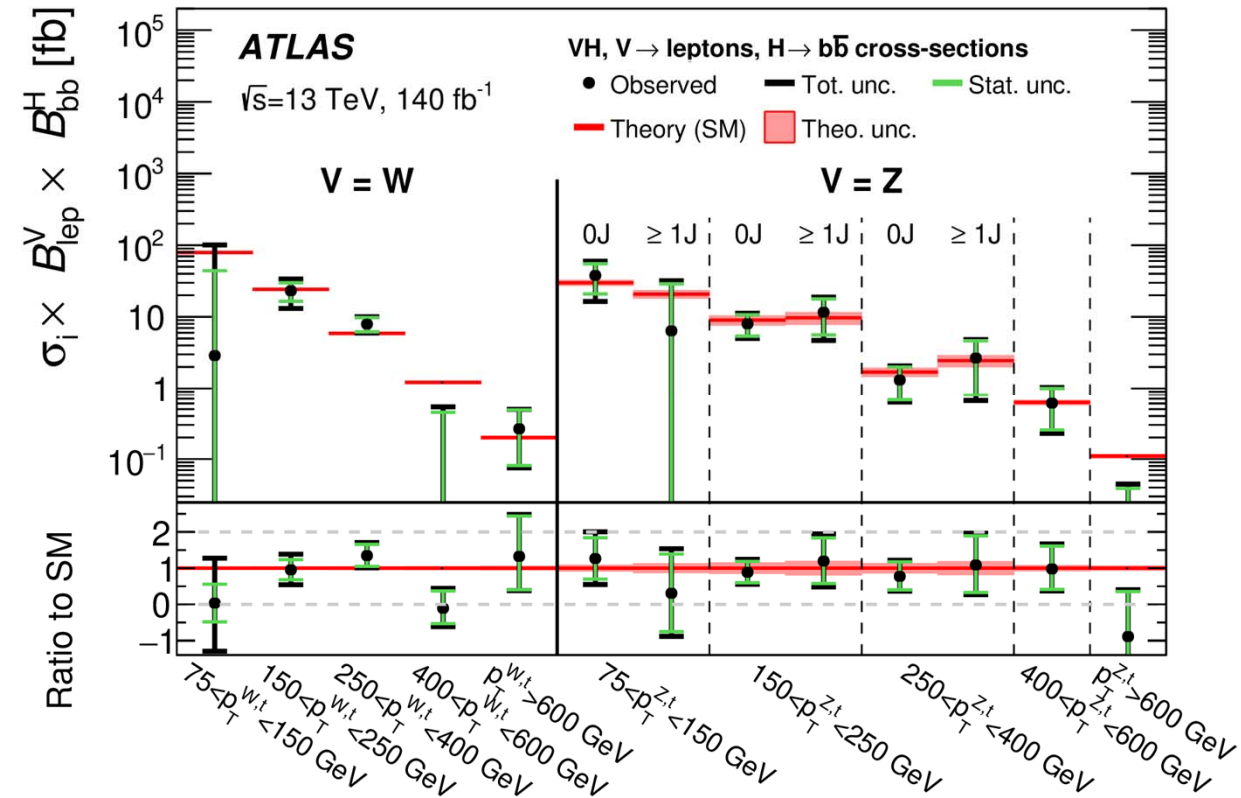
\*explanation:  $\kappa_c/\kappa_b = (Y_{cc}/Y_{bb}) \times (Y_{bb}^{SM}/Y_{cc}^{SM})$

if nature would have universal couplings, there would be  $Y_{cc} = Y_{bb}$

$\kappa_c/\kappa_b = (Y_{bb}^{SM}/Y_{cc}^{SM}) = 4.5$  for renormalisation  $m_H = 125$  GeV

- STXS (H → bb), (cross-sections in fine granularity kinematic fiducial regions)

Category mirroring fiducial regions



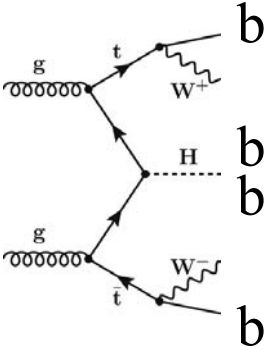
Compatible w/ SM

Dominated by stat uncertainty

# ttH, H → bb

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- Complex final state: leptons (e, μ), jets, b-jets



Categories: #lepton, resolved/boosted (1-lepton), #jets, #b-jets

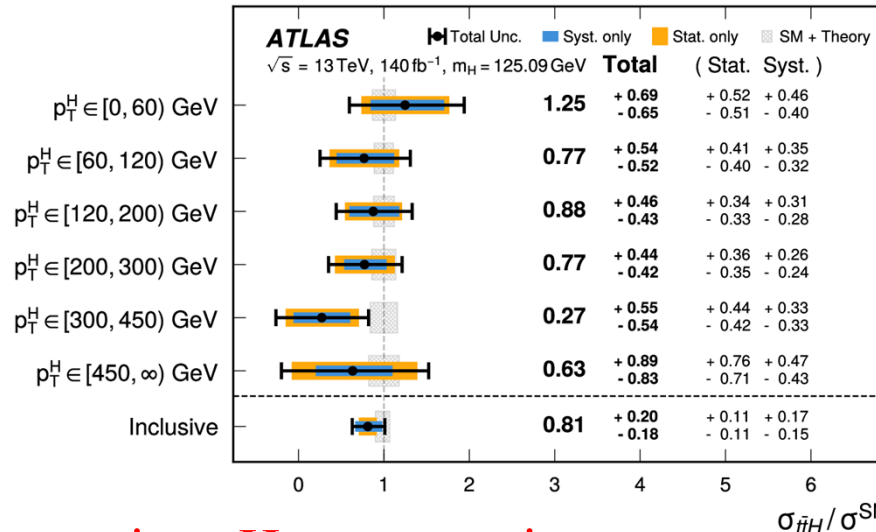
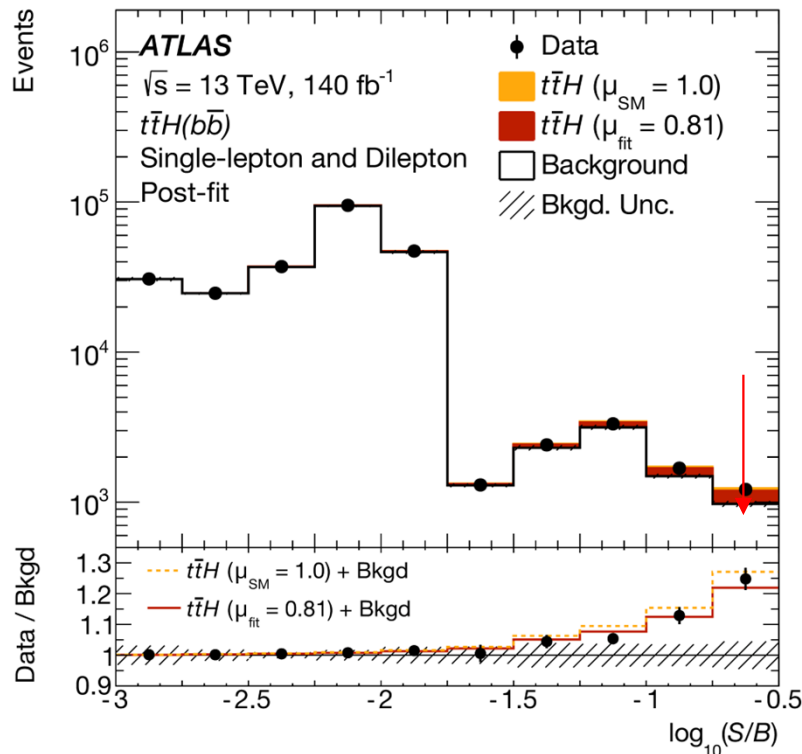
- multiclass NN: defines SR, CR

Pairing jets-Higgs: second NN to reconstruct  $p_T^H$  for STXS

- Results inclusive & STXS (bins of  $p_T^H$ )

$$Z_{\text{obs}} = 4.6 \quad (Z_{\text{exp}} = 5.4)$$

$$\mu_{ttH} = 0.81 \pm 0.11 \text{ (stat)}_{-0.16}^{+0.20} \text{ (syst)}$$



Most precise ttH cross-section measurement in a single decay channel, inclusively and in each  $p_T^H$  bin

$$t\bar{t}H, H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma: \mu_{ttH} = 1.43_{-0.31}^{+0.33} \text{ (stat)}_{-0.15}^{+0.21} \text{ (syst)}$$

[PRL 125, 061802 \(2020\)](#)

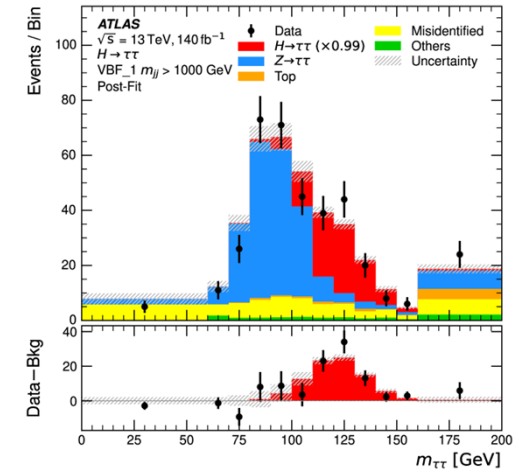
# H → ττ, diff. measurement

Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  $L=140$  fb<sup>-1</sup>,  
CERN-EP-2024-198, July 2024

$\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}, \tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}, \tau_e\tau_\mu$  (different flavour)

Missing Mass Calculator: likelihood for  $m_{\tau\tau}$  estimation

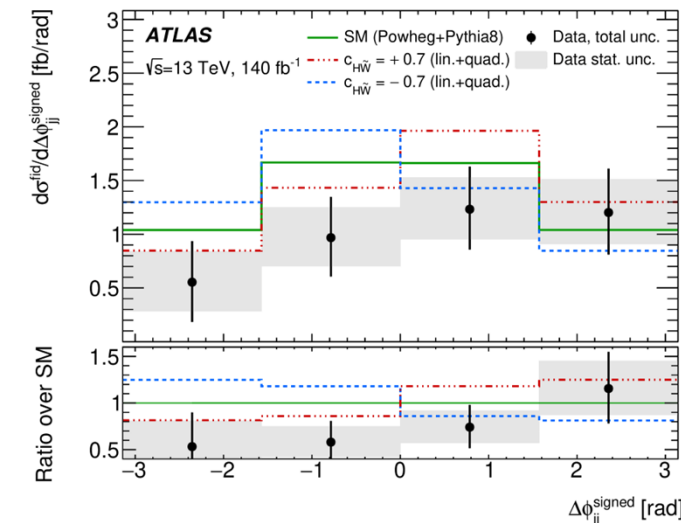
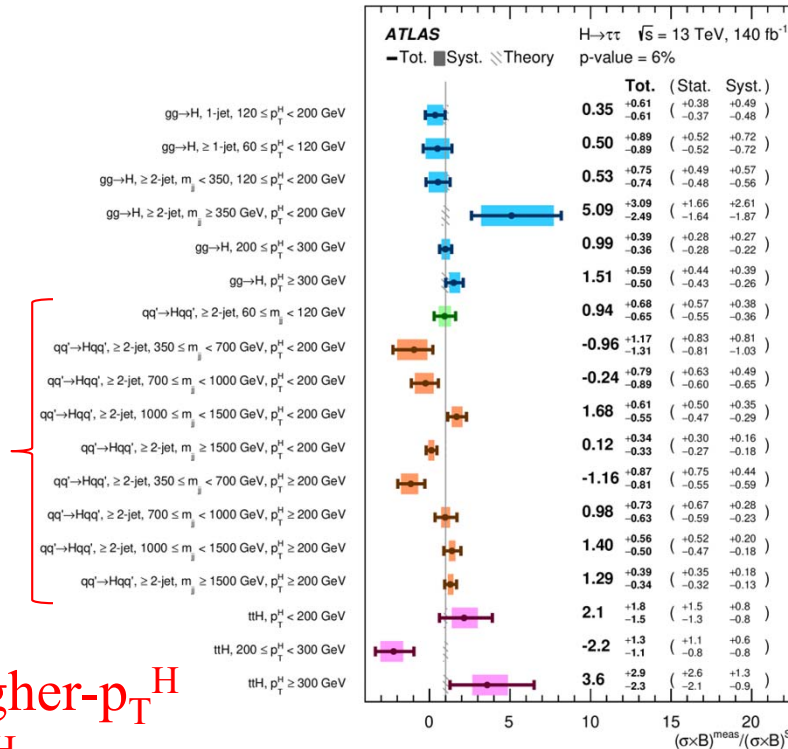
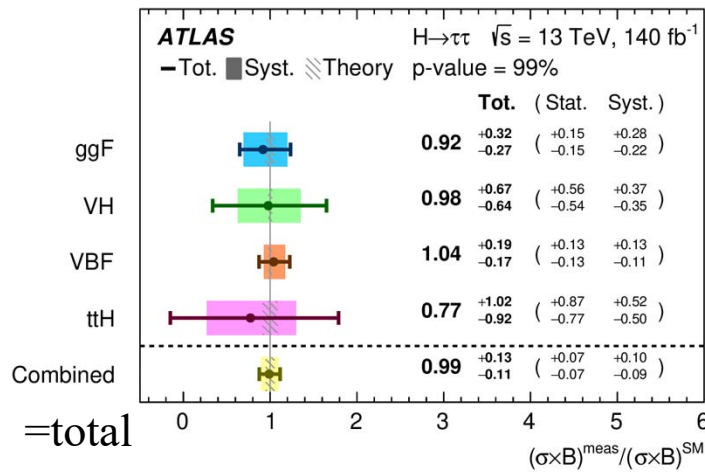
- Categorisation for STXS (and VBF for  $d\sigma/dX$ )  
VBF, tt(0l)H, V(had)H, ggF boost ( $p_T^H > 100$  GeV),  
subsplit: kinematics & BDT



- Production modes

- STXS

- $d\sigma/dX$  w/ VBF selection  
 $p_T^H, \Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}}$ , etc.



First VBF measurement in higher- $p_T^H$   
and most precise for lower  $p_T^H$

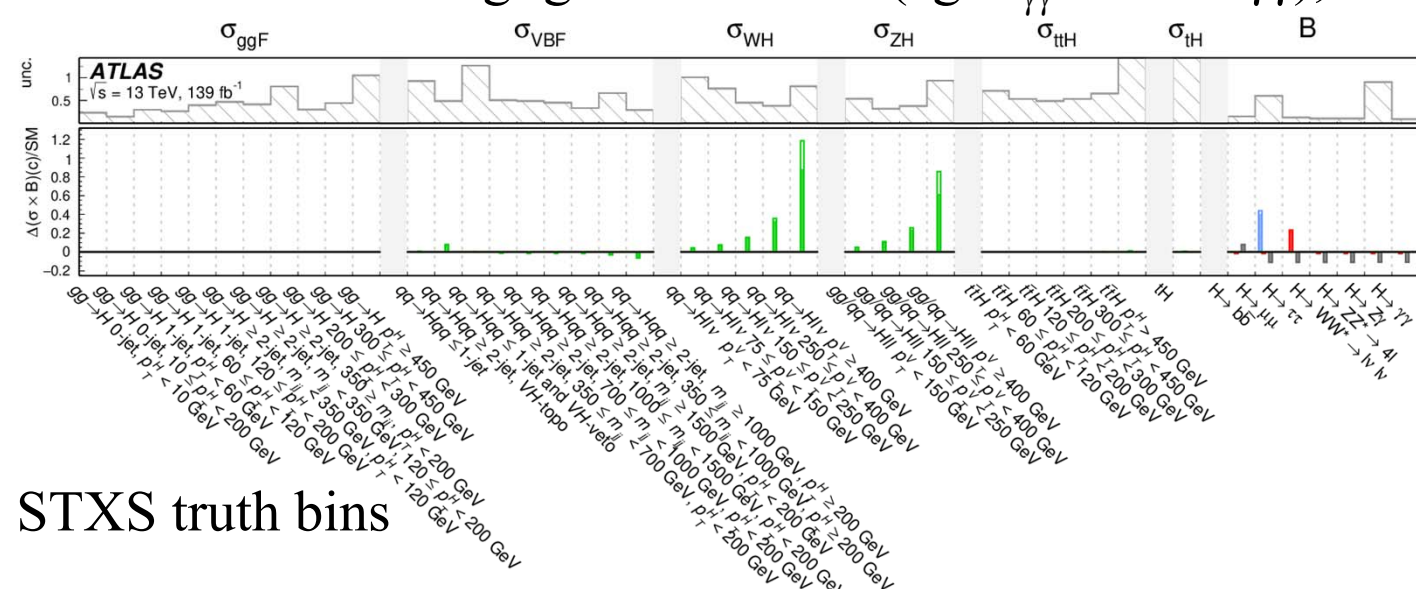
Interpreted in SMEFT.

Strongest constraint on  
CP-odd  $c_{H\tilde{W}}$  for  $\Lambda=1$  TeV



- Inputs:  $\sigma$  prod. modes (STXS-0), STXS-1.2:  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ ,  $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ ,  $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow bb$ ,  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ,  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ ,  $d\sigma/dp_T^H$ :  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$
  - Parameterisation rates: SMEFT, Warsaw basis
  - Cross-section x BR: parametrized, **Linear** in  $c_i$  ( $\sim \Lambda^{-2}$ ) or **lin+quadratic** in  $c_i$  ( $\sim \Lambda^{-4}$ )
- Comparison: qualitative info on validity neglecting dim-8
- $$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} O_i^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} O_i^{(8)}$$
- Eff x accept: restricted kinematic region: not parametrized: theoretical systematic
  - Decay: f(EFT) (no restriction to kinematic region)
- 2 bodies: small effect: small. >2 bodies decays : parametrisation
- Shape final discriminant: negligible effect on (eg  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  for  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ), else parameterised

rel  $\Delta\sigma_{STXS}$   
rel imp.  $c_i$



Values chosen from sensitivity from expected uncertainty

Filled: linear  
open: + quadratic

STXS truth bins

Too many operators, correlations: probe instead eigenvector

# Higgs combination (STXS, $d\sigma/dX$ ) EFT interpretation

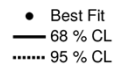
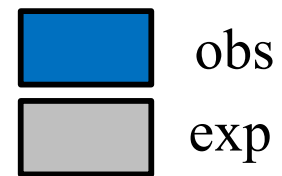
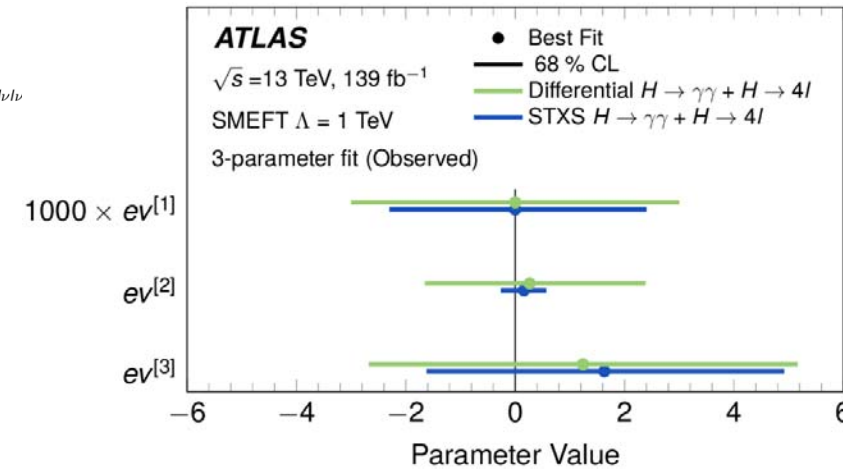
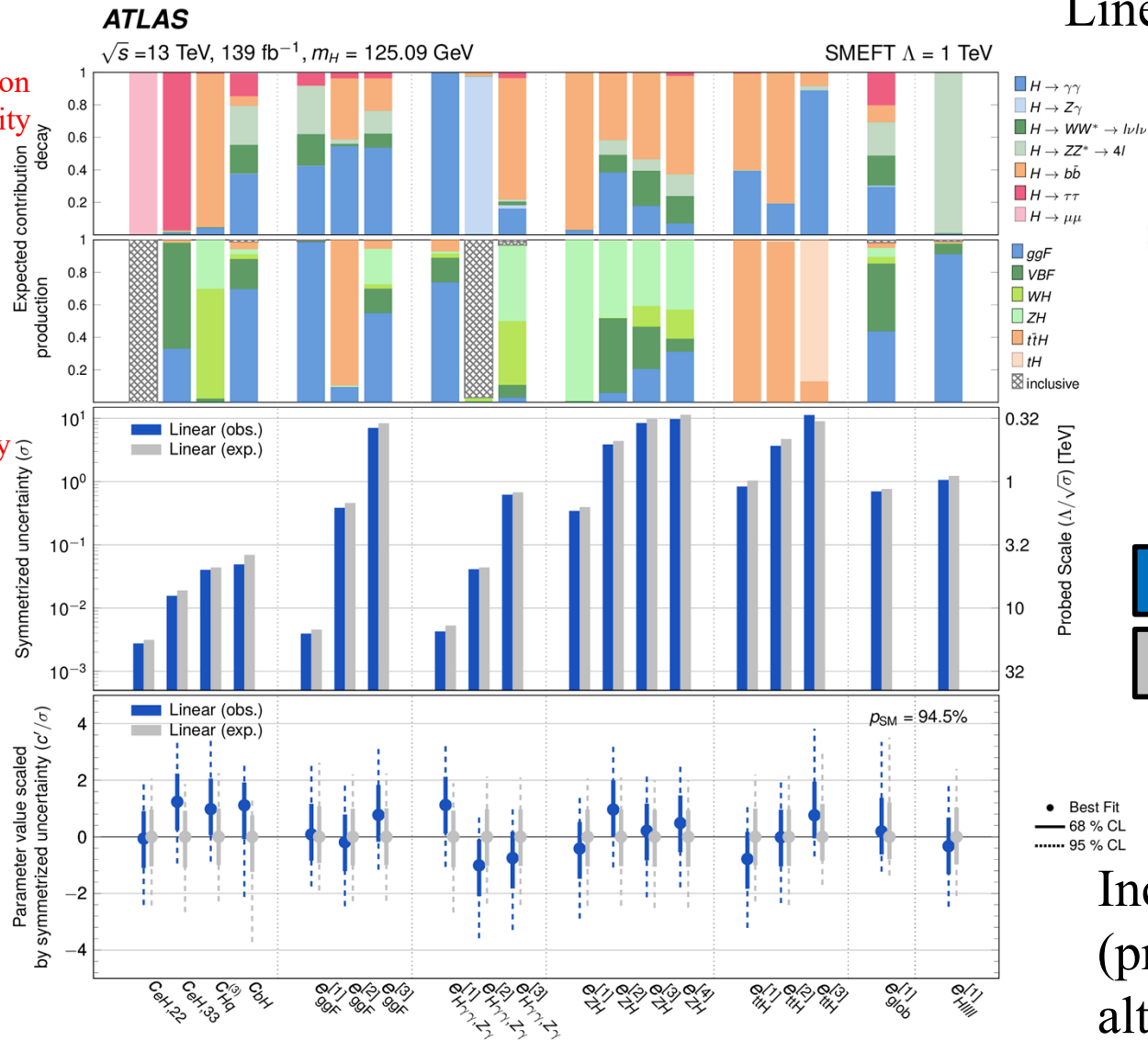
- Results for STXS (here linear)

- Results for  $d\sigma/dp_T^H$ ,  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow 4l$   
Linear only; eigenvectors different

Contribution to sensitivity of  $c_i$

uncertainty

pull

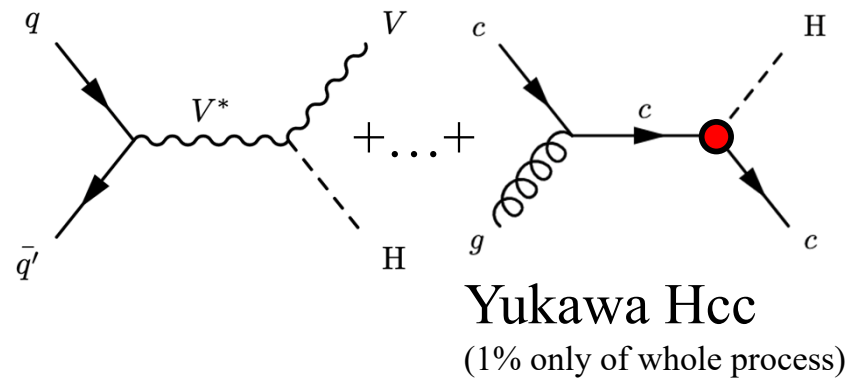


Increased sensitivity from STXS (production modes, many variables, although lower granularity than  $p_T^H$ )

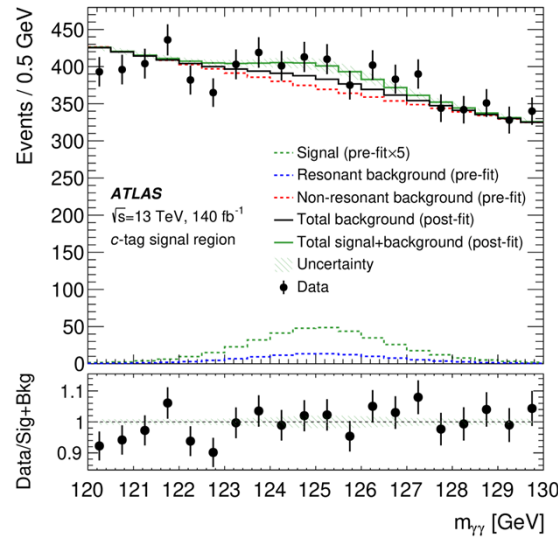
- Also interpreted in 2HDM & MSSM: 8 benchmarks (see backup)

# Very rare decays

- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + c$



ATLAS, Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  $L=140$  fb $^{-1}$ , [CERN-EP-2024-175](#), July 2024



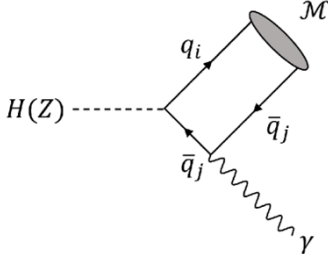
- 95% CL upper limit  
obs: 10.4 pb  
exp: 8.6 pb  
First search of this production

- $H \rightarrow D^*(D^0\pi^0, D^0\gamma)\gamma$ ,

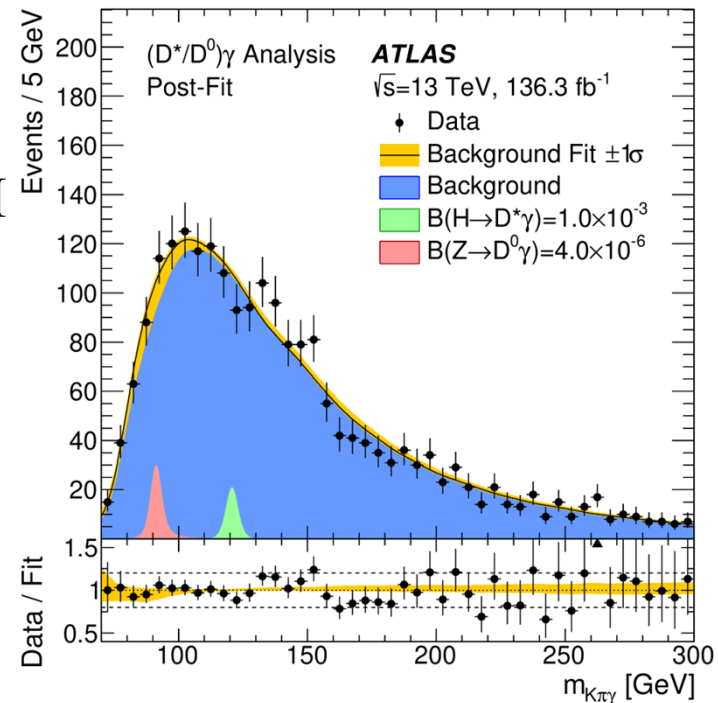
$D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+$ ,  $D^0: c\bar{u}$  (& conjugate)

Rare, loop contributions (BR= $7 \times 10^{-27}$ )

Probe flavour-violating coupling: BSM



ATLAS, Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  $L=136.3$  fb $^{-1}$ , [PLB 855 \(2024\) 138762](#), February 2024



95% UL on BR

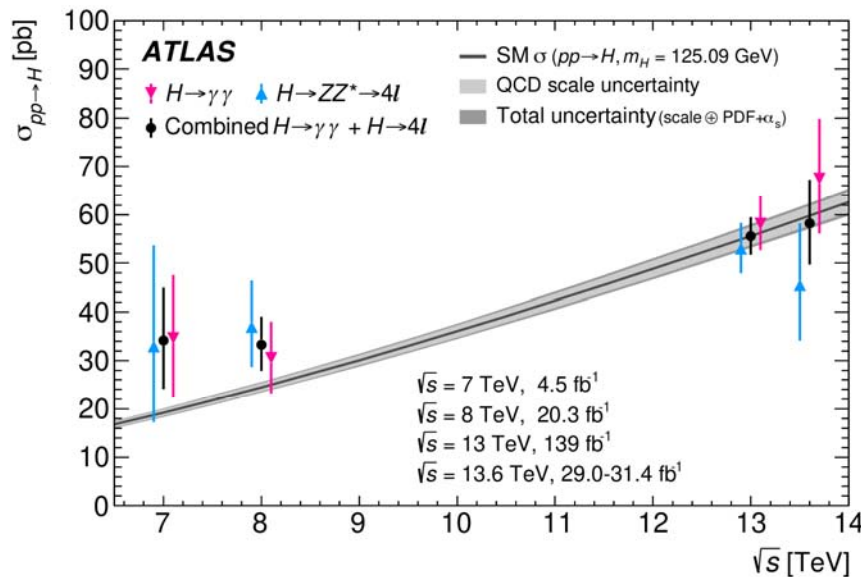
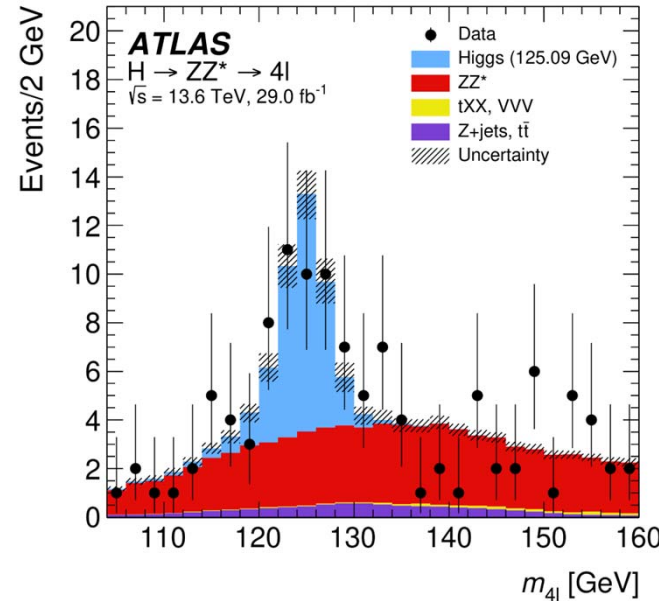
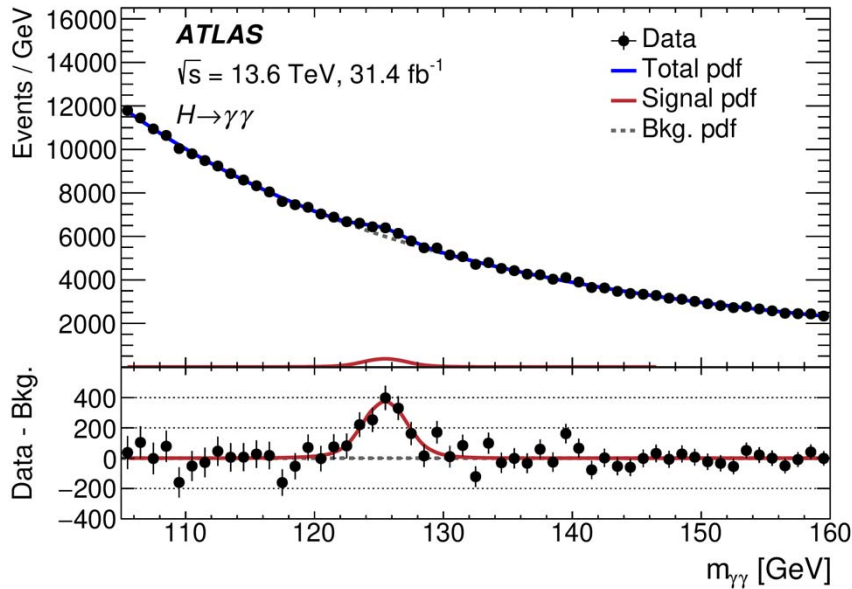
obs:  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$

exp:  $1.2^{+0.5}_{-0.3} \times 10^{-3}$

First limit

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ , measurement at  $m_H = 125.09 \pm 0.24$  GeV  
 Fiducial cross-section, then extrapolated to full phase space

(not a ‘new’ result)



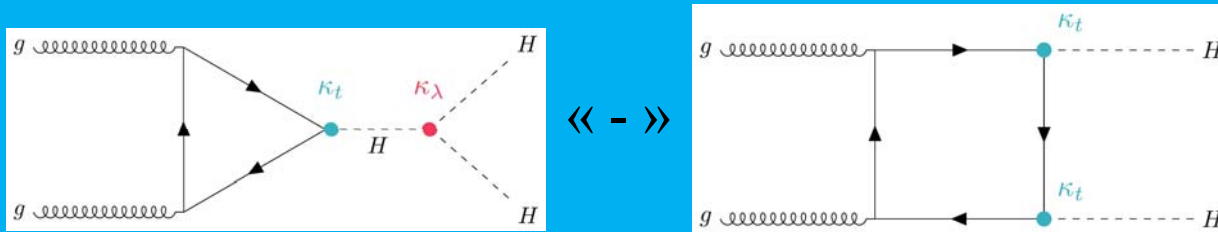
Excellent agreement w/ energy dependence  
 Dominated by stat. uncertainty  
 (note: ‘today’, 183 fb<sup>-1</sup> available)

# HH

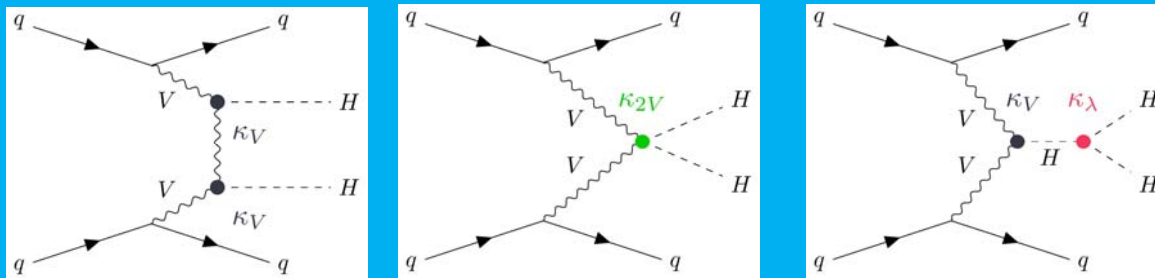
- **Non-resonant**

- **Resonant:** see Ruggiero Turra presentation

ggF



VBF



$$\mu_{ggF HH} = \sigma_{ggF HH} / \sigma_{ggF HH}^{SM}$$

$$\mu_{VBF HH} = \sigma_{VBF HH} / \sigma_{VBF HH}^{SM}$$

$$\kappa_\lambda = \lambda_{HHH} / \lambda_{HHH}^{SM}$$

$$\kappa_V = g_{HVV} / g_{HVV}^{SM}$$

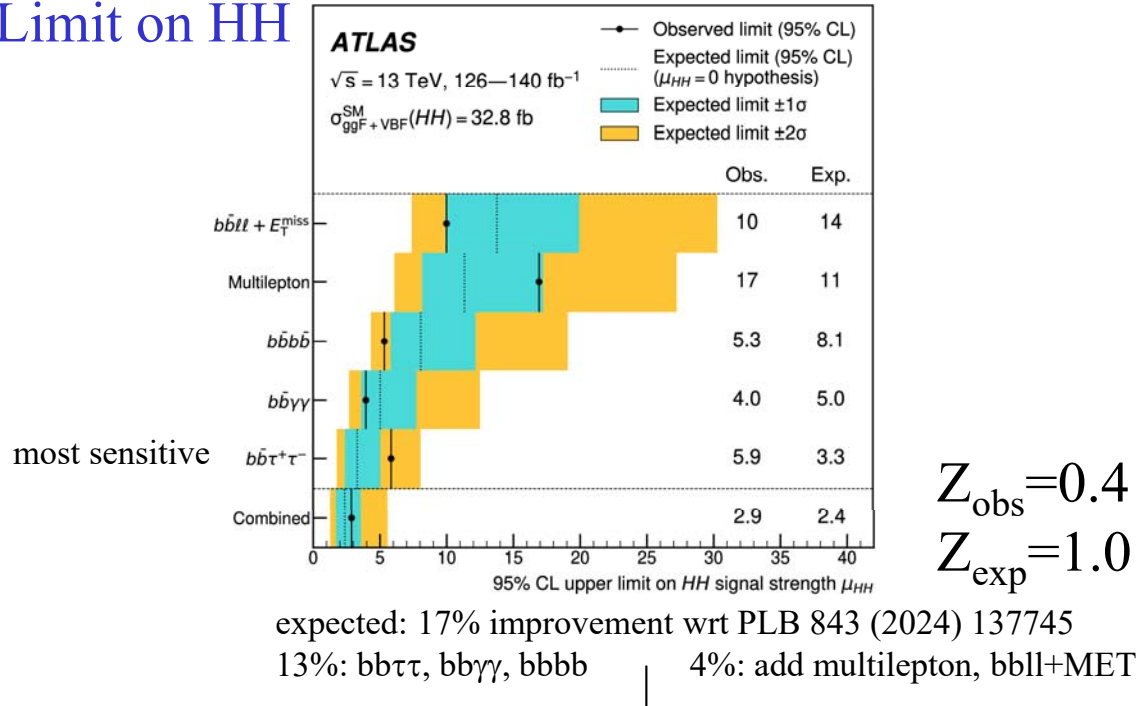
$$\kappa_{2V} = g_{HHVV} / g_{HHVV}^{SM}$$

# Non-resonant HH Combination

ATLAS, Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  
 $L=126-140$  fb $^{-1}$ , [PRL 133 \(2024\) 101801](#), June 2024

- Channels (overlap data & MC: <1% in SR  $\Leftrightarrow$  negligible)  $f(\kappa_\lambda)$  of 1-H neglected
- bbbb (resolved, boosted),  $bb\tau\tau$  ( $1 \tau_{\text{had}} \perp bbl\ell + \text{MET}$ ),  $bb\gamma\gamma$ , multilepton ( $bbZZ^*$ ,  $VV^*VV^*$ ,  $VV^*\tau\tau$ ,  $\tau\tau\tau$ ,  $\gamma\gamma VV^*$ ,  $\gamma\gamma\tau\tau$ ),  $bbl\ell + \text{MET}$  ( $bb + (ZZ^*, WW^*, \tau\tau) \rightarrow \ell\ell$ )

- Final DV:  $m_{HH}$ ,  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ , MVA
- Limit on HH



$\kappa_\lambda$ , 95 % CL  
 obs : ]-1.2 ; 7.2[  
 exp: ]-1.6 ; 7.2[  $bb\gamma\gamma$  most sensitive

$\kappa_{2V}$ , 95 % CL  
 obs : ]0.6 ; 1.5[  $bbbb$  most sensitive:  
 exp : ]0.4 ; 1.6[ (boosted & deficit in data)

Best expected sensitivity to date on  $\mu_{HH}$  &  $\kappa_\lambda$

- HEFT constraints  $bb\tau\tau$ ,  $bb\gamma\gamma$ ,  $bbbb$

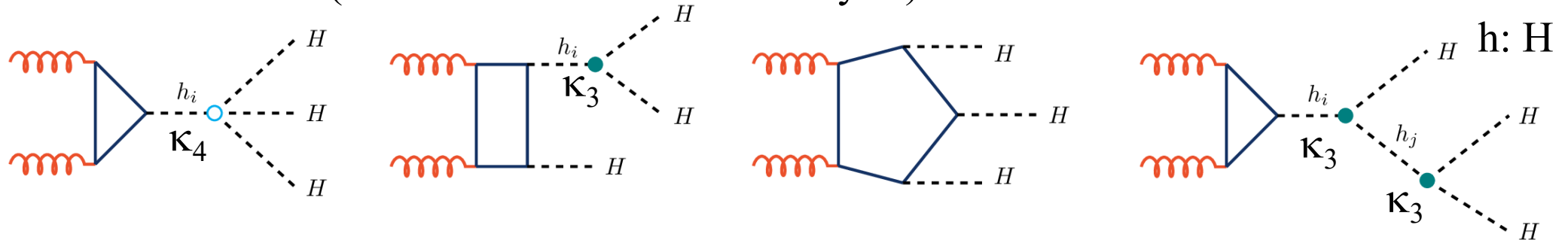
95% CL intervals

obs:  $-0.38 < c_{gghh} < 0.49$  (exp:  $-0.36 < c_{gghh} < 0.36$ )  
 $-0.19 < c_{tthh} < 0.70$  (exp:  $-0.27 < c_{tthh} < 0.66$ )

Most stringent constraints to date

# HHH bb bb bb

Non Resonant (includes also a resonant analysis)



- Pairing (61% efficiency); over all pairs, minimize  $|m_{H1}-120 \text{ GeV}|+|m_{H2}-115 \text{ GeV}|+|m_{H3}-110 \text{ GeV}|$   
values: detector effects, energy lost from neutrinos, out-of-cone radiation

Categories: SR: 6b, CR: 4b, 5b

Bkg: dominated by QCD multijets; data-driven; extrapolate from CR

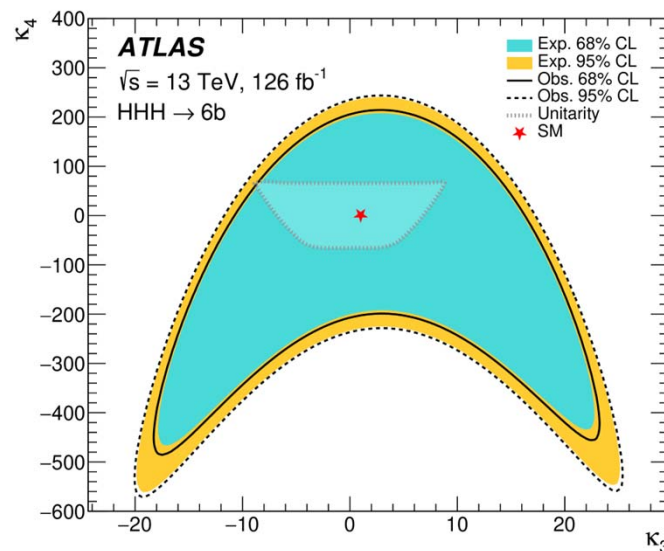
Profile likelihood, DNN

- Limit  $\mu_{HHH}$ : 750xSM

95% CL intervals

For  $\kappa_4=1$ ,  $-11 < \kappa_3 < 17$

For  $\kappa_3=1$ ,  $-230 < \kappa_4 < 240$



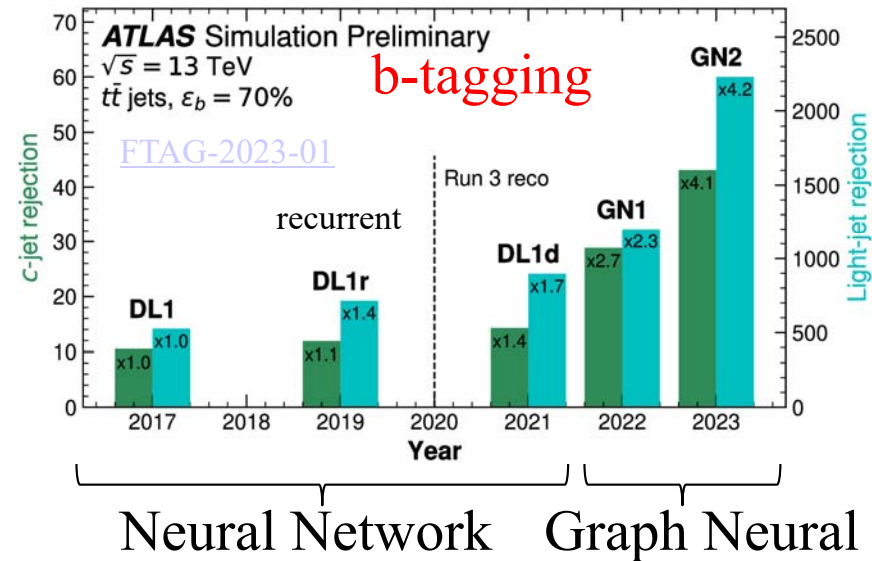
# Conclusions

- Higgs Width w/ NSBI,  $\Gamma_H = 4.3^{+2.7}_{-1.9}$  MeV
- Update results for  $(VH, ttH) \rightarrow bb$ ,  $VH \rightarrow cc$ ,  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- EFT interpretation of Higgs combinations
- HH comb: 95% CL limit: 2.9xSM
- HHH search already started

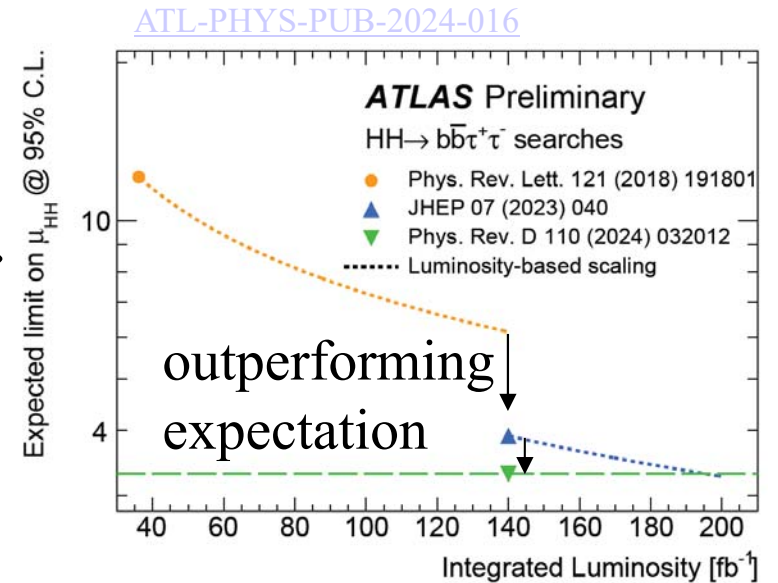
So far, SM never been faulted in Higgs sector

## Prospects

Run 3: already more stat than Run 2 ( $\int L$ , #interactions per bunch crossing,  $\sigma$  (higher energy))



$bb\tau\tau$ :  
 illustrative proxy



To follow future developments. Thank you for your attention

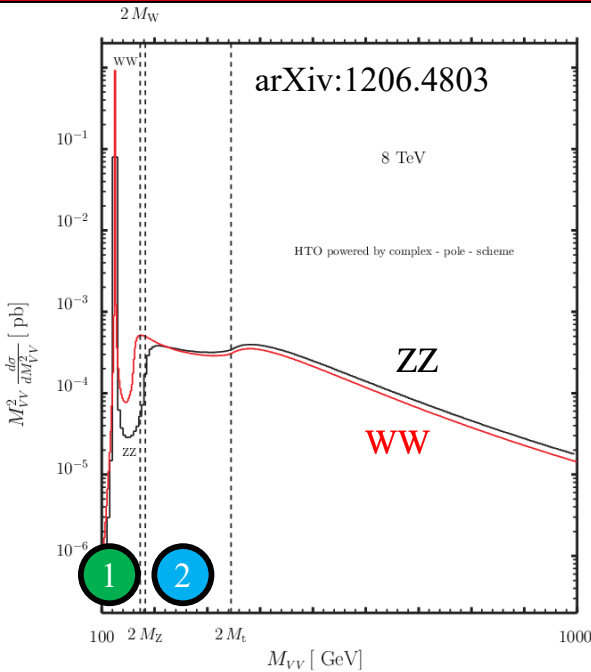
See also ATLAS HL-LHC, upgrade, physics prospects, Savanna Shaw



# Backup

# $\Gamma_H$ with $H^* \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

ATLAS, Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  
 $L=140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , [CERN-EP-2024-298](#)



$$\frac{d\sigma^{H \rightarrow VV}}{dm_{VV}^2} \propto \frac{g_{prod}^2(\hat{s}) g_{decay}^2(\hat{s})}{m_H^2 \Gamma_H^2 + (m_{VV}^2 - m_H^2)^2}$$

(1)  $\sigma_{on-shell}^{H \rightarrow VV} \propto \frac{g_{prod}^2(m_H) g_{decay}^2(m_H)}{\Gamma_H}$

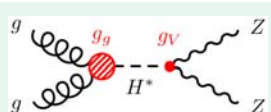
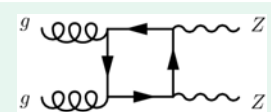
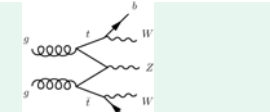
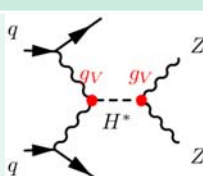
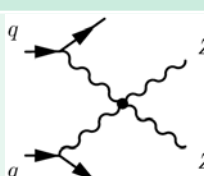
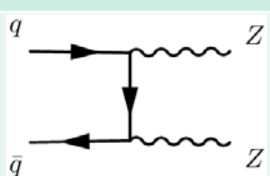
H on-shell  
 1 Z off shell

(2)  $\frac{d\sigma_{off-shell}^{H^* \rightarrow VV}}{dm_{VV}^2} \propto g_{prod}^2(\hat{s}) g_{decay}^2(\hat{s})$

H off-shell: 10% contribution  
 Z on shell

→ disentangle  $\Gamma_H$

(if no BSM altering on, off- couplings differently for ggH (loop), HZZ)

	S	B	I	NI (non-interfering)
gg	$ \mathcal{M}_S ^2 \propto g_g^2 g_V^2$ 	- 	$2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_S \mathcal{M}_B^*) \propto g_g g_V < 0$	
qq (EW)	$ \mathcal{M} ^2 \propto g_V^4$ 		$2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_S \mathcal{M}_B^*) \propto g_V^2$	

Unique scaling for each component → pdf = f( $\kappa_g, \kappa_V$ )

(data-driven: Control Region)

# $H^* \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ off-shell, $\Gamma_H$ , NSBI

$$p(x|\mu_{\text{off-shell}}^{\text{ggF}}, \mu_{\text{off-shell}}^{\text{EW}}) = \frac{1}{\nu(\mu_{\text{off-shell}}^{\text{ggF}}, \mu_{\text{off-shell}}^{\text{EW}})} \times$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{gg} \left[ \mu_{\text{off-shell}}^{\text{ggF}} \nu_S^{\text{ggF}} p_S^{\text{ggF}}(x) + \sqrt{\mu_{\text{off-shell}}^{\text{ggF}}} \nu_I^{\text{ggF}} p_I^{\text{ggF}}(x) + \nu_B^{\text{ggF}} p_B^{\text{ggF}}(x) + \right. \\ & \text{qq} \left. \mu_{\text{off-shell}}^{\text{EW}} \nu_S^{\text{EW}} p_S^{\text{EW}}(x) + \sqrt{\mu_{\text{off-shell}}^{\text{EW}}} \nu_I^{\text{EW}} p_I^{\text{EW}}(x) + \nu_B^{\text{EW}} p_B^{\text{EW}}(x) + \nu_{\text{NI}} p_{\text{NI}}(x) \right] \end{aligned}$$

(data-driven: Control Region)

gg : SBI generated: deduce interference term

EW: can't generate off-shell signal only

→ generation w/ various signal strength → parametrise from linear algebra

# $\Gamma_H$ with $H^* \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

- Selection

$\geq 4$  leptons (e,  $\mu$ ),  $p_T$  3 leading ones:  $\geq 20, 15, 10$  GeV

Not on-shell:  $180 < m_{4l} < 2000$  GeV

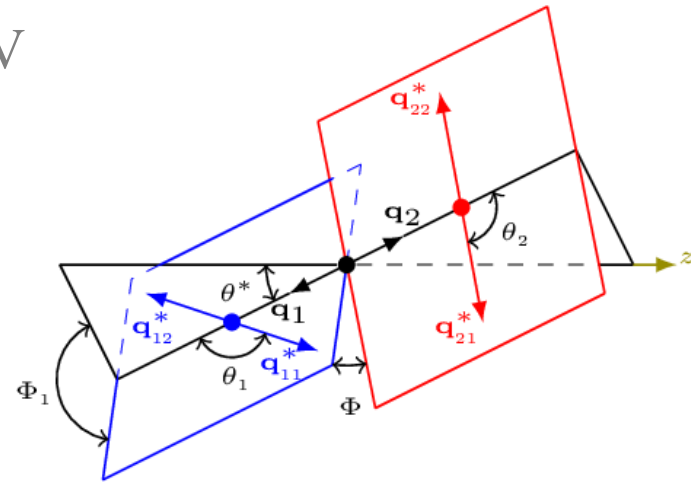
Lepton quadruplet: 2 OS, SF dilepton pairs.

If ambiguity: choose closest to  $m_Z$

$Z_1$ : closest to  $m_Z$

event: 14 observables

+preselection: cut multi-class NN



- Neural Simulation-Based Inference (NSBI)

Builds per-event likelihood ratio using NN from 14 observables

optimally sensitive to any value of  $\mu$

Binned: events inside indistinguishable: loss stat power.

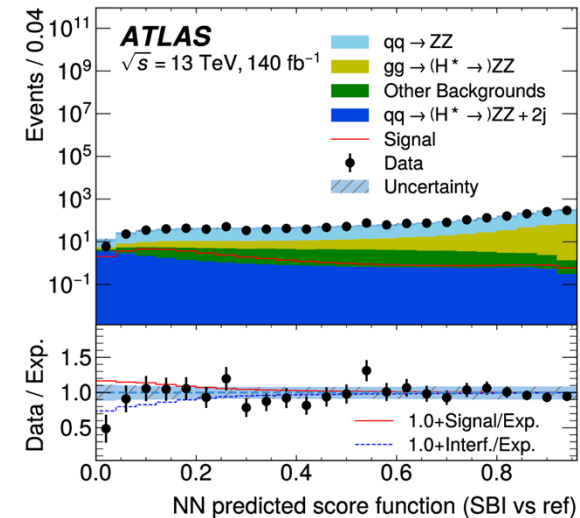
Increase dimensionality histogram: pb curse dimensionality

$\rightarrow$  better approximation of exact likelihood ratio

NSBI model

NN-estimated pdf 
$$\frac{p(x|\mu, \theta)}{p_{\text{ref}}(x)} = \frac{1}{v(\mu, \theta)} \sum_{\text{processes } X} f_X(\mu, \theta) v_X \frac{p_X(x)}{p_{\text{ref}}(x)}$$

Reweight for factor for ratio wrt  $\mu_{\text{off-shell}} = 1$



# $\Gamma_H$ with $H^* \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

$$Z_{\text{obs}}=2.5 \quad (Z_{\text{exp}}=1.3), \quad \mu_{\text{off-shell}}=0.87^{+0.75}_{-0.54} \quad (\text{exp: } 1.00^{+1.04}_{-0.95})$$

Combination w/ 2l2v channel:

$$Z_{\text{obs}}=3.7 \quad (Z_{\text{exp}}=2.4)$$

$$\mu_{\text{off-shell}}=1.06^{+0.62}_{-0.45} \quad (\text{exp: } 1.00^{+0.83}_{-0.83})$$

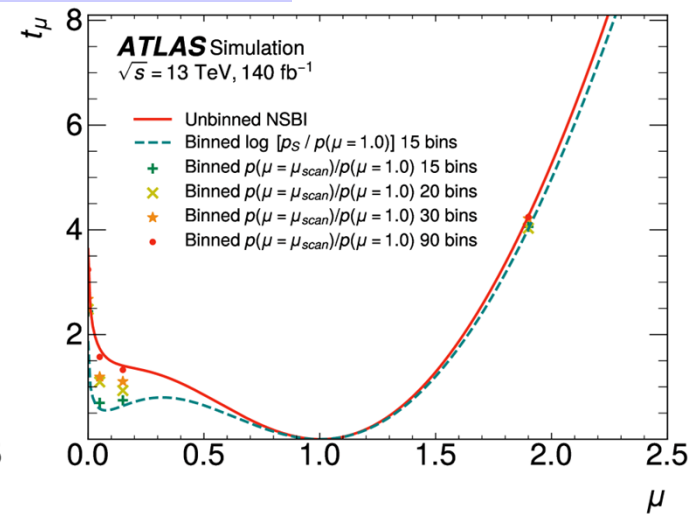
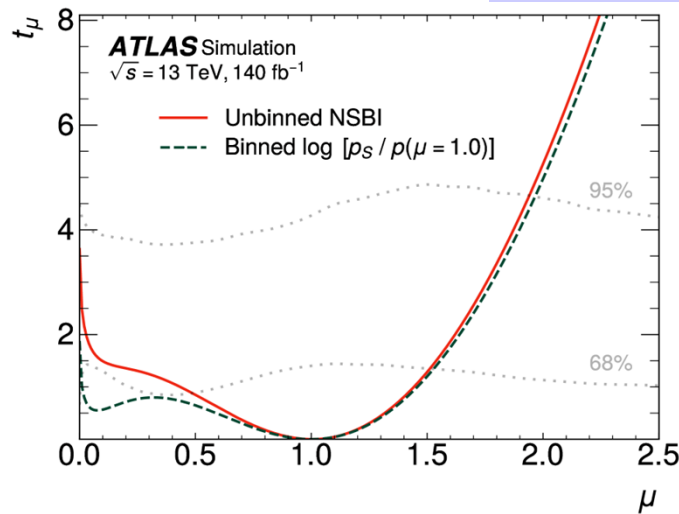
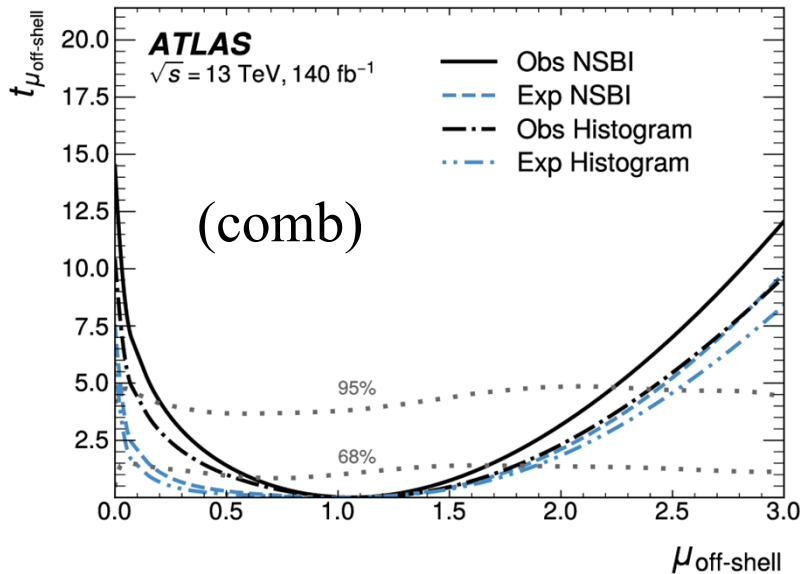
→evidence off-shell (already in past)

+ $\kappa$  framework results

$$\mu_{\text{off-shell}}^{ggF} = \kappa_{g, \text{off-shell}}^2 \kappa_{V, \text{off-shell}}^2$$

$$\mu_{\text{off-shell}}^{EW} = \kappa_{V, \text{off-shell}}^4$$

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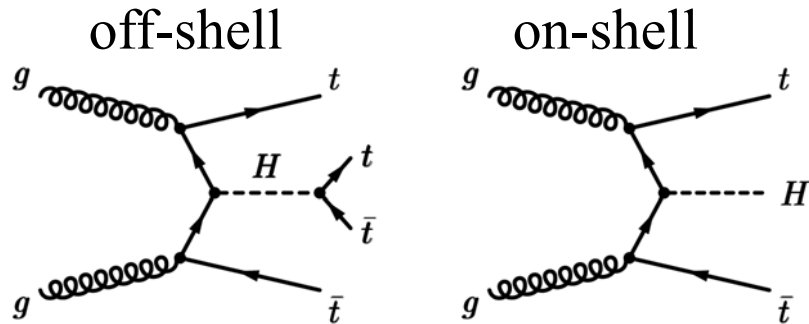
Combination w/ on-shell  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$

$$\Gamma_H = 4.3^{+2.7}_{-1.9} \text{ MeV} \quad (\text{exp: } \Gamma_H = 4.1^{+3.5}_{-3.4} \text{ MeV})$$

# $H^* \rightarrow t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ off-shell, $\Gamma_H$

ATLAS, Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  
L=140 fb<sup>-1</sup>, [CERN-EP-2023-055](#),  
March 2023

One could instead prob off-shell Higgs at tt kin. threshold  
No more rely on ggH, HZZ: rely on tree-level Htt coupling  
(assume same Htt on-shell & off-shell)



ttH dominates sensitivity,  
but other prod modes considered  
(many final states)

- **Combination**

Correlates systematics when relevant  
Parameterisation event rates:  $\kappa$ -framework

- **Results** (syst. dominated: theory)

95% CL upper limit on  $\Gamma_H$

obs: 110xSM (450 MeV)

exp: 18xSM (75 MeV)

If 'resolve' loop:

obs: 160 MeV

exp: 55 MeV

Much less sensitivity than  $H \rightarrow ZZ$ :  
degeneracy of some  $\kappa$  (eg  $\kappa_W$ )

- **Selection:** complex

b-jet correction:  $\sigma \downarrow$  up to 40 % (f(categ))

Flavour tagging:  $D_{DL1r}^b$  discriminant 70% WP

$D_{DL1r}^c$  discriminant 45% WP

- Categories: V(vv/lv/ll) [**suppr. multijets**], #b, #c jets,  $p_T^V$ , +(resolved: #jets)

$p_T^V > 75$  GeV (1, 2 leptons),  $> 150$  GeV (0 lepton)

- $p_T^V < 400$  GeV: resolved: small-R jets (b & c), =2 b-jets,  $\geq 1$  c-jet, 0 b-jet

$m_H > 50$  GeV,  $\Delta R(j_1, j_2) < \pi$

$p_T$  leading jet  $> 45$  GeV

CR for c-category

- $p_T^V \geq 400$  GeV: boosted: large R-jets (b only)

$m_J > 50$  GeV,  $\geq 2$  matched track-jets, ( $H_{bb}$ : =2 b-jets)

- Final DV: BDTs

- **Validation:** VZ ( $Z_{obs} > 5$ )

# VH, H → bb, H → cc

- Complex selection

b-jet correction:  $\sigma_{mH} \downarrow$  up to 40 % (f(categ))

Flavour tagging: DL1R: b: 70%, c: 45%

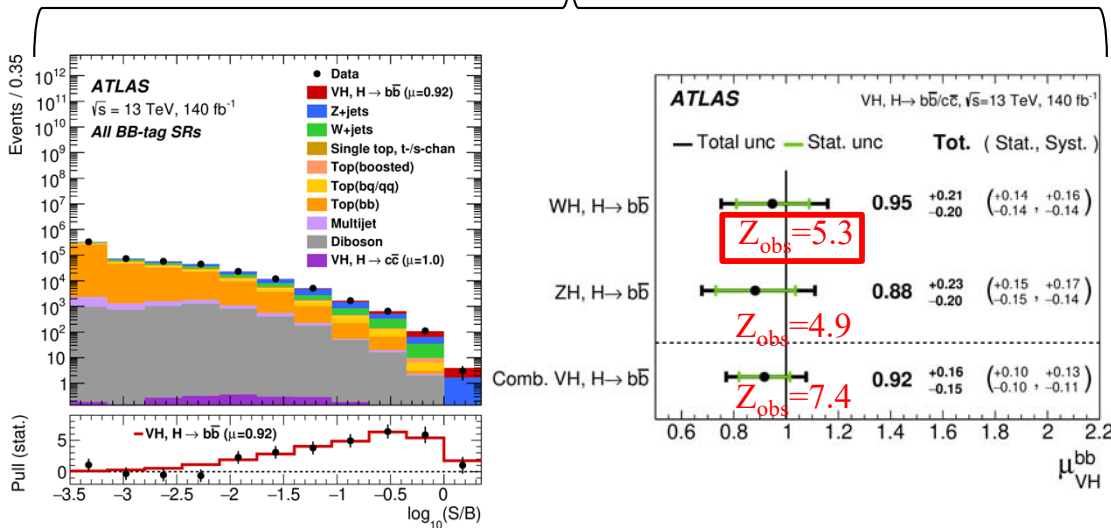
Categories: V(vv/lv/l), #b, #c, #light jets,  $p_T^V$  (resolved, boosted)

Control Regions + validation analysis: VZ ( $Z_{obs} > 5$ )

Final DV: BDTs

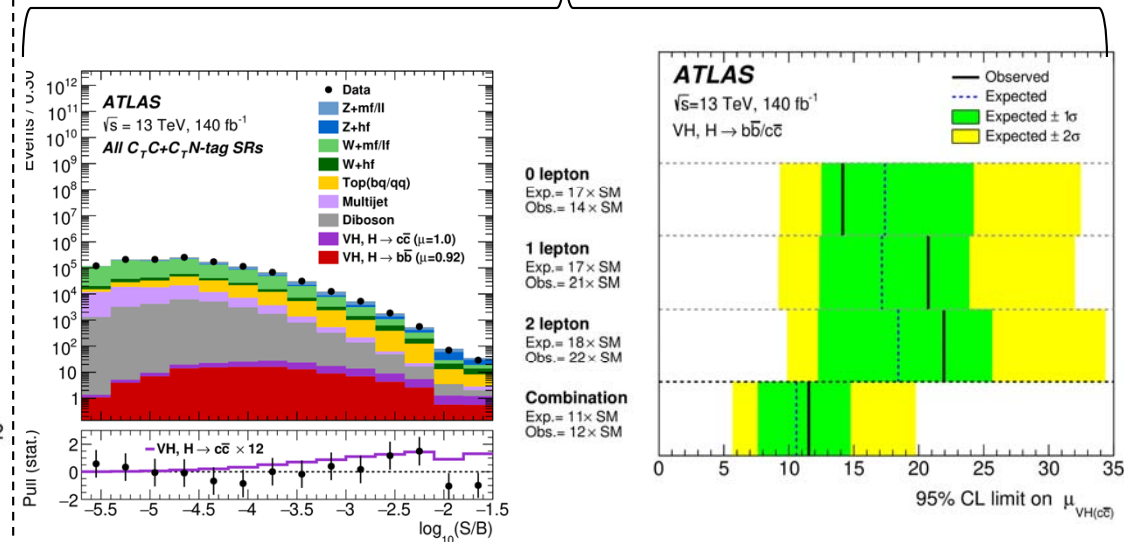
- Results

## H → bb



First observation of WH, H → bb

## H → cc



VH(cc) 95% CL limit: 11.5xSM

Improvement previous analysis: better reco, calibration l, jets

Improved flavour tagging b & c. Extended acceptance  $p_T^V < 150$  GeV, Improved MVA



# VH, H → bb, H → cc

- VH interpreted in  $\kappa$ -framework

$$\mu_{VH}^{bb} = \frac{\kappa_b^2}{1 + B_{Hbb}^{SM}(\kappa_b^2 - 1) + B_{Hcc}^{SM}(\kappa_c^2 - 1)}$$

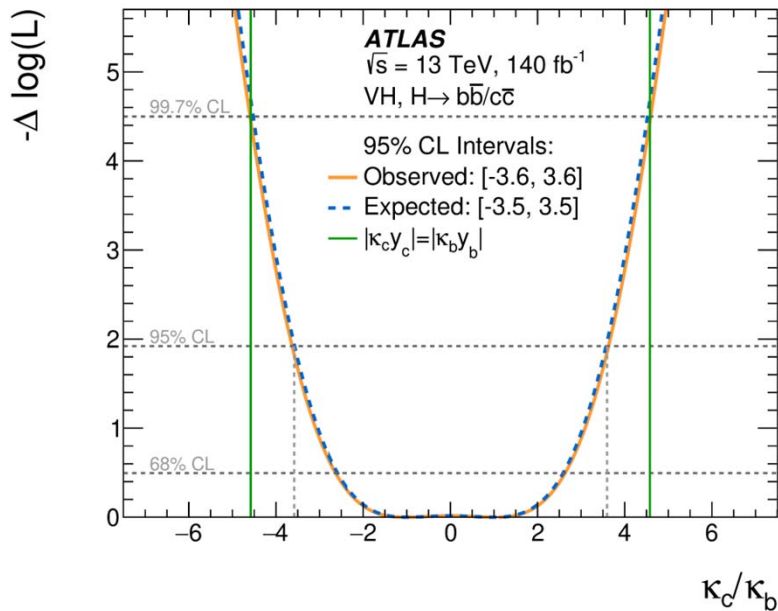
$$\mu_{VH}^{cc} = \frac{\kappa_c^2}{1 + B_{Hbb}^{SM}(\kappa_b^2 - 1) + B_{Hcc}^{SM}(\kappa_c^2 - 1)}$$

$|\kappa_c/\kappa_b|$ : no assumption on  $\Gamma_H$

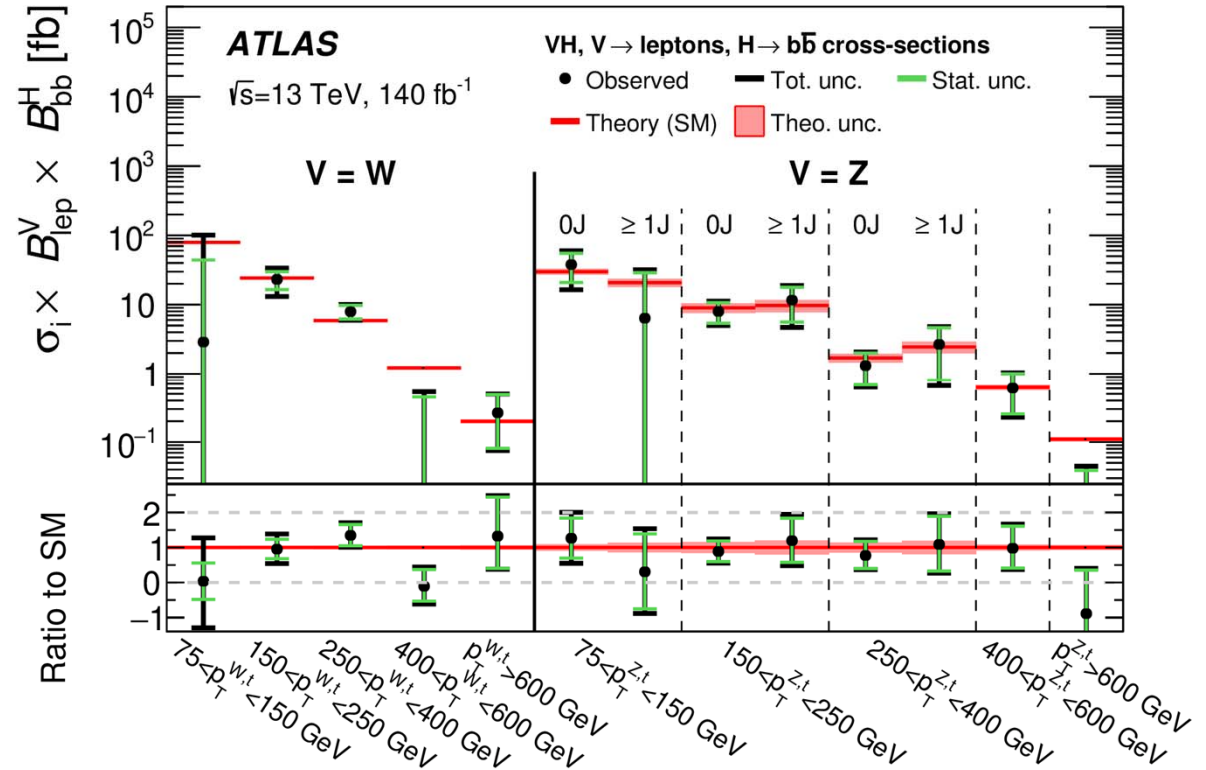
95% CL limit

obs: 3.6

exp: 3.5



- STXS H → bb, 13 bins kinematic fiducial regions  
 Category mirroring it



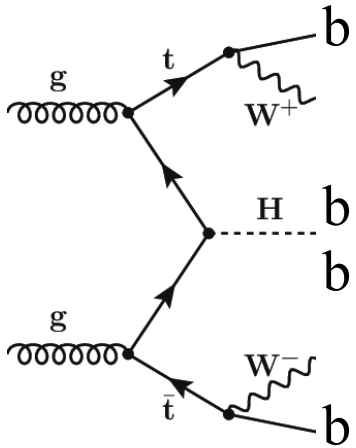
Dominated by stat uncertainty

Confirming non-universality  
 of Hqq coupling:  $Y_{hcc} < Y_{Hbb}$

# ttH, H → bb, 1 or 2 leptons

ATLAS, Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV, L=140 fb<sup>-1</sup>, [CERN-EP-2024-194](#)

- Complex final state: e, μ, jets, b-jets



Ingredients preselection (acceptance: 6.3% for ttH)

1-lepton

(resolved, boosted)

2-leptons channels

(resolved)

OS

if ee or μμ:  $m_{ll} > \dots$  (suppr. HF, DY)

∄  $m_{Z\pm} \dots$  (suppr. DY)

veto  $f(\#\tau_{\text{had}})$ : ⊥ ttH other decays

#jets, #b-jets

Lepton id & isolation (suppr. non-prompt, fake lepton)

- multiclass NN: defines SR, CR

Pairing jets-Higgs: second NN: reconstruct  $p_T^H$  for STXS

- Background

Primary: tt+jets: MC+data-driven corrections

Secondary: 1-t, ttW, ttZ, tttt, V+jets, VV: MC

Non-prompt: data & MC:  $f(\#\text{leptons})$

# ttH, $H \rightarrow bb$ , 1 or 2 leptons

1-lepton: =1-lepton, resolved/boosted

resolved:  $\geq 5$  jets w/  $\geq 3$  b-jets (70% WP)

boosted:  $\geq 1$  large-R jet,  $\geq 4$  small-R jets (including large one) w/  $\geq 3$  b-jets (85% WP)

2-lepton: =2-leptons, OS

ee: 2<sup>nd</sup> lepton  $p_T > 15$  GeV

$e\mu, \mu\mu$ : 2<sup>nd</sup> lepton  $p_T > 10$  GeV

ee,  $\mu\mu$ :  $m_{ll} > 15$  GeV (suppr. HF, DY),  $\not\in m_{Z\pm} \pm 8$  GeV (suppr. DY)

$\geq 3$  b-jets (85% WP) w/  $\geq 2$  b-jets (70% WP)

$\geq 1$  lepton  $p_T > 27$  GeV

veto  $f(\#\tau_{had})$ :  $\perp$  ttH other decays

Lepton id & isolation (suppr. non-prompt, fake lepton)

SR, CR: output of multiclass NN

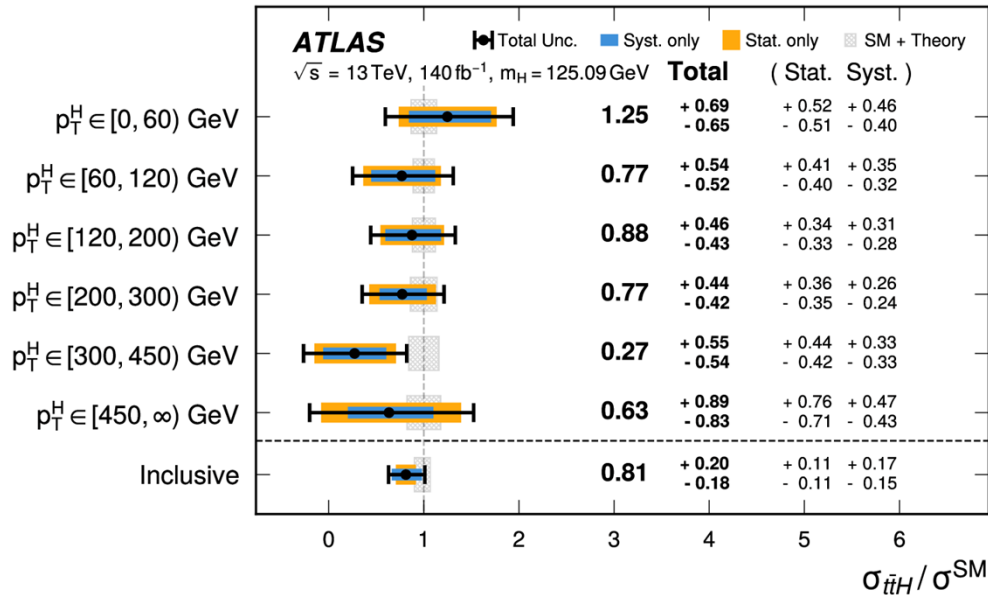
Pairing jets-Higgs: second NN: reconstuct  $p_T^H$  for STXS

# ttH, H→bb, 1 or 2 leptons

- Results inclusive & STXS (bins  $p_T^H$ )

$$Z_{\text{obs}} = 4.6 \quad (Z_{\text{exp}} = 5.4)$$

$$\mu_{ttH} = 0.81 \pm 0.11 \text{ (stat)}_{-0.16}^{+0.20} \text{ (syst)}$$



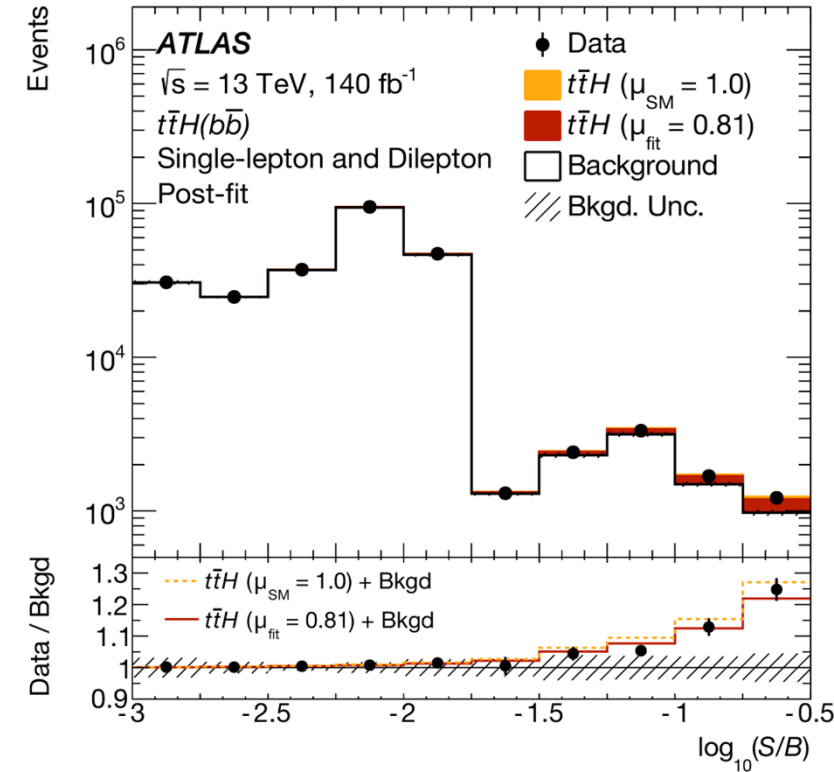
Most precise ttH cross-section measurement in a single decay channel, inclusively and in each  $p_T^H$

Legacy: main improvements: Increased acceptance

Advanced b-jet identification

Better CRs from multiclass neural network

- Yield=f(log<sub>10</sub>(S/B))



# H → ττ, diff. measurement

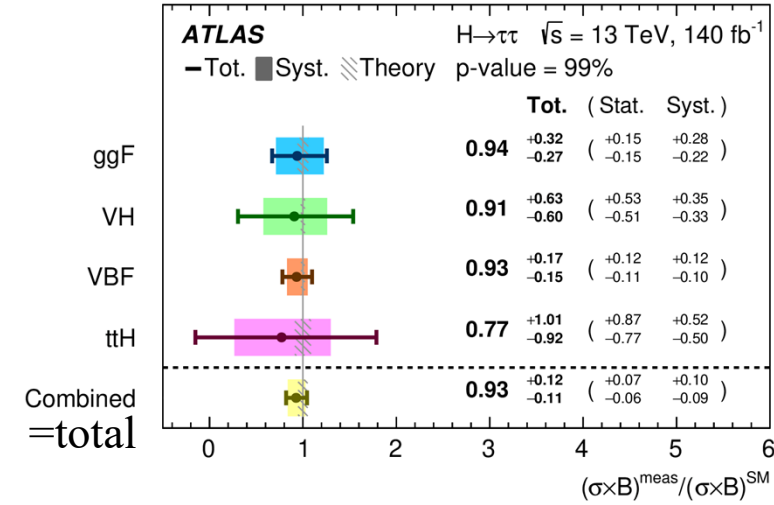
Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  $L=140$  fb<sup>-1</sup>,  
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$\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}, \tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}, \tau_e\tau_\mu$  (different flavour)  
Fake objects: data-driven measurements  
Missing Mass Calculator: likelihood for  $m_{\tau\tau}$

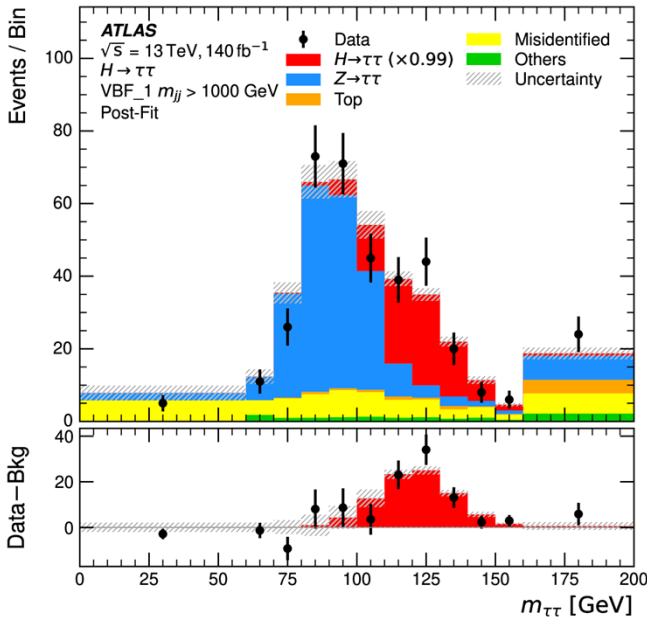
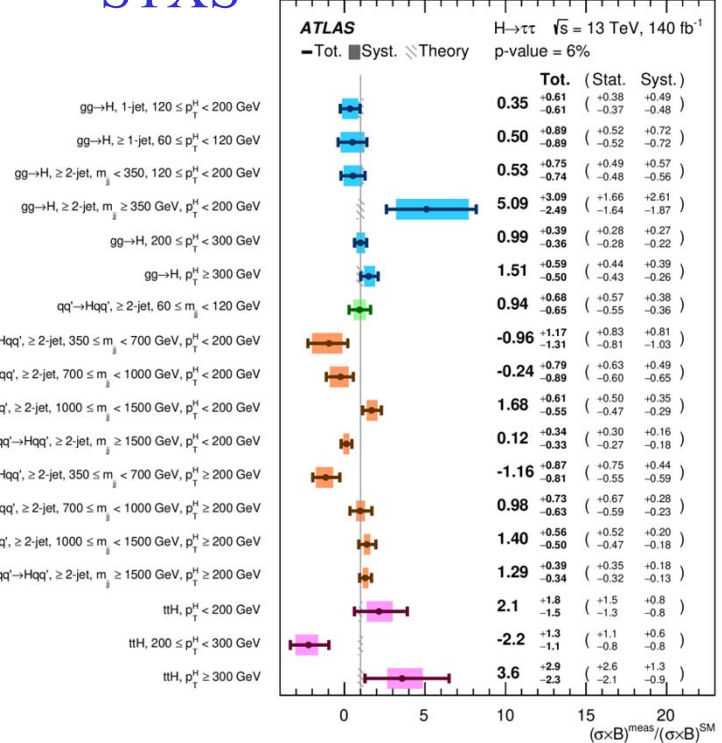
- Categorisation for STXS (and VBF for  $d\sigma/dX$ )

- VBF: 2 high- $p_T$  jets large  $|\Delta\eta_{jj}|$ ,  $m_{jj}$
- tt(0l)H →  $\tau_{\text{had}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ :  $\geq 6$  jets ( $\geq 1$  b-tagged) or  $\geq 5$  jets ( $\geq 2$  b-tagged) subsplit: BDT
- V(had)H:  $60 < m_{jj} < 120$  GeV,  $p_T^{\text{sub-lead } j} > 30$  GeV + BDT
- Boost (ggF):  $p_T^H > 100$  GeV, subsplit by kinematics

- Production modes



- STXS



First VBF measurement in higher- $p_T^H$  and most precise for lower  $p_T^H$

# H → ττ, diff. measurement

- $d\sigma/dX$  w/ VBF selection

$f_j$ : out-of-acceptance : #events pass fiducial & reco / #events ass reco level selection  
 $M$ : migration matrix,  $\text{Prob}(\text{reco bin } j \mid \text{truth bin } i) \Leftrightarrow M^{-1}$ :  $\text{Prob}(\text{truth bin } i \mid \text{reco bin } j)$   
 $\epsilon_i$ : #events in fiducial region and rec / #events in fiducial region

$$\sigma_i^{\text{fid}} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}\epsilon_i} \sum_j \mathcal{M}_{ij}^{-1} f_j (N_j^{\text{data}} - N_j^{\text{bkg}})$$

truth bin ↑

rec bin ↑

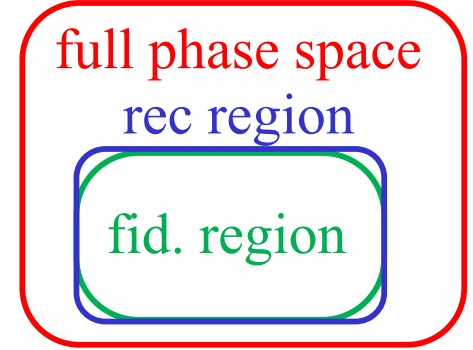
① #events S in rec bin j

② #events S in rec bin j in fid. region

③ #events S in truth bin i in rec bin j

④ #events S in truth bin i in all rec-level bins

⑤ #events S in truth bin i in fiducial region (unfolding)



rec bins: mirror fiducial regions of STXS

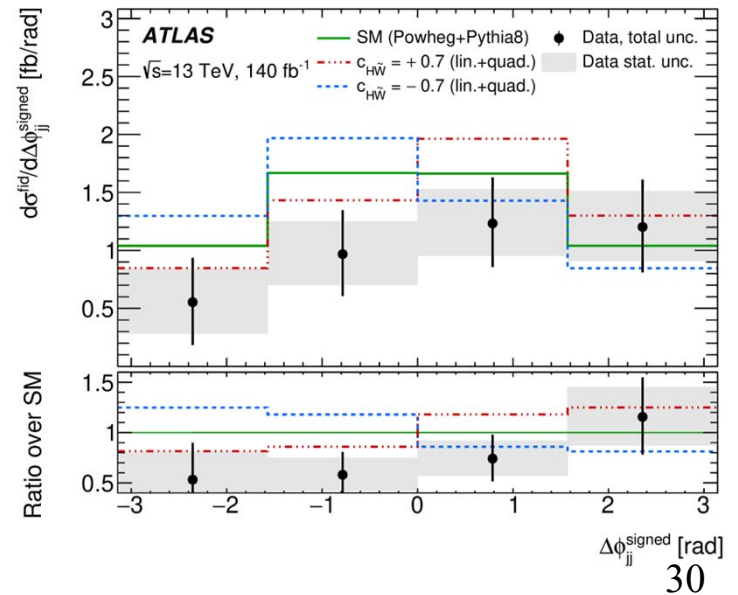
## Fiducial phase space (83% VBF)

$p_T(j_0)$ ,  $p_T^H$ ,  $\Delta f_{jj}^{\text{signed}}$ ,  $\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}}$

Precision: 30-50%

$\Delta\phi_{jj}^{\text{signed}}$  sensitive to the VBF production vertex  
 Interpreted in SMEFT. Probe 3 Wilson coefficients and CP-odd counterparts.

Strongest constraint on CP-odd  $c_{H\tilde{W}}$

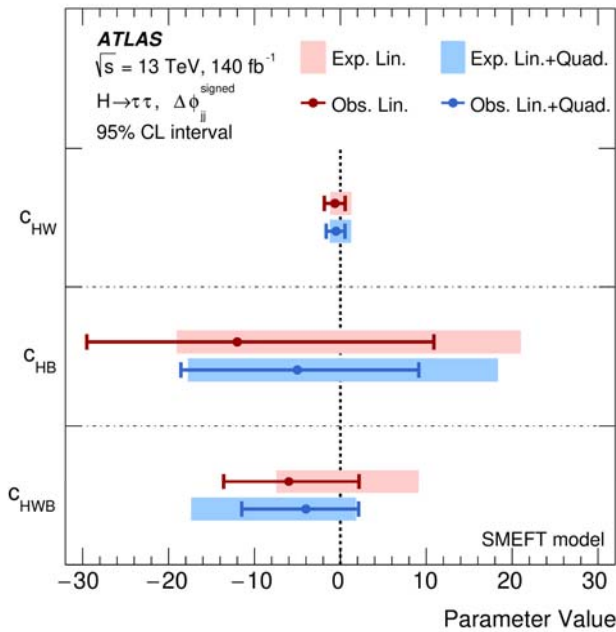


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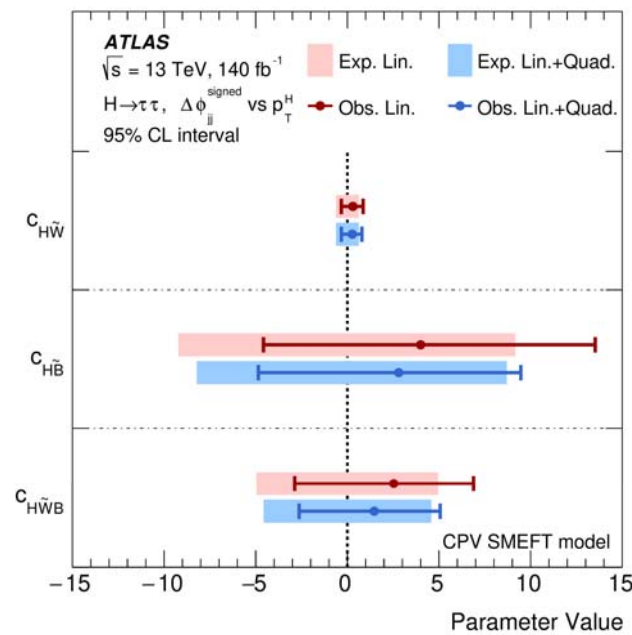
Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  $L=140$  fb<sup>-1</sup>,  
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- Wilson coefficients: CL intervals

CP-even



CP-odd



Strongest constraint on  
 CP-odd  $c_{H\tilde{W}}$

- **Model independent: SMEFT, Warsaw basis**

-Higher-dim operators built from SM fields (CP-even operators [odd: too small effect])

-UV-unsafe but cut-off  $\Lambda$  (1 TeV, but rescale possible)

-top flavour symmetry: 2 first generations quarks treated similarly

- **Inputs**

- $\sigma$  prod. modes (STXS-0), STXS-1.2:  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ ,  $H \rightarrow bb$ ,  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ,  $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow e\nu\mu\nu$ ,  $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow \mu\mu$

- $d\sigma/dp_T^H$ :  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$

Reparameterisation= $f(c_j)$  Wilson coefficient

MadGraph, SMEFTSim

- **Cross-section x BR: parametrized**

Narrow width  $\rightarrow$  factorize: independent prod x decay

**Linear** in  $c_i$  ( $\sim \Lambda^{-2}$ ) or **lin+quadratic** in  $c_i$  ( $\sim \Lambda^{-4}$ )

Comparison: qualitative info on validity neglecting dim-8

$$(\sigma \times \mathcal{B})_{\text{SMEFT}}^{i,k',H \rightarrow X} = (\sigma \times \mathcal{B})_{\text{SM},((N)N)\text{NLO}}^{i,k',H \rightarrow X} \times \left( \frac{1 + \sum_j (A_j^{\sigma i,k'} + A_j^{\Gamma H \rightarrow X}) c_j + O(\Lambda^{-4})}{1 + \sum_j A_j^{\Gamma H} c_j + O(\Lambda^{-4})} \right)$$

no subsequent Taylor expansion for decay (bias for high  $c$ )

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} O_i^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} O_i^{(8)}$$



# Higgs combination (STXS, $d\sigma/dX$ ) EFT interpretation

- **eff x accept**: not parametrized

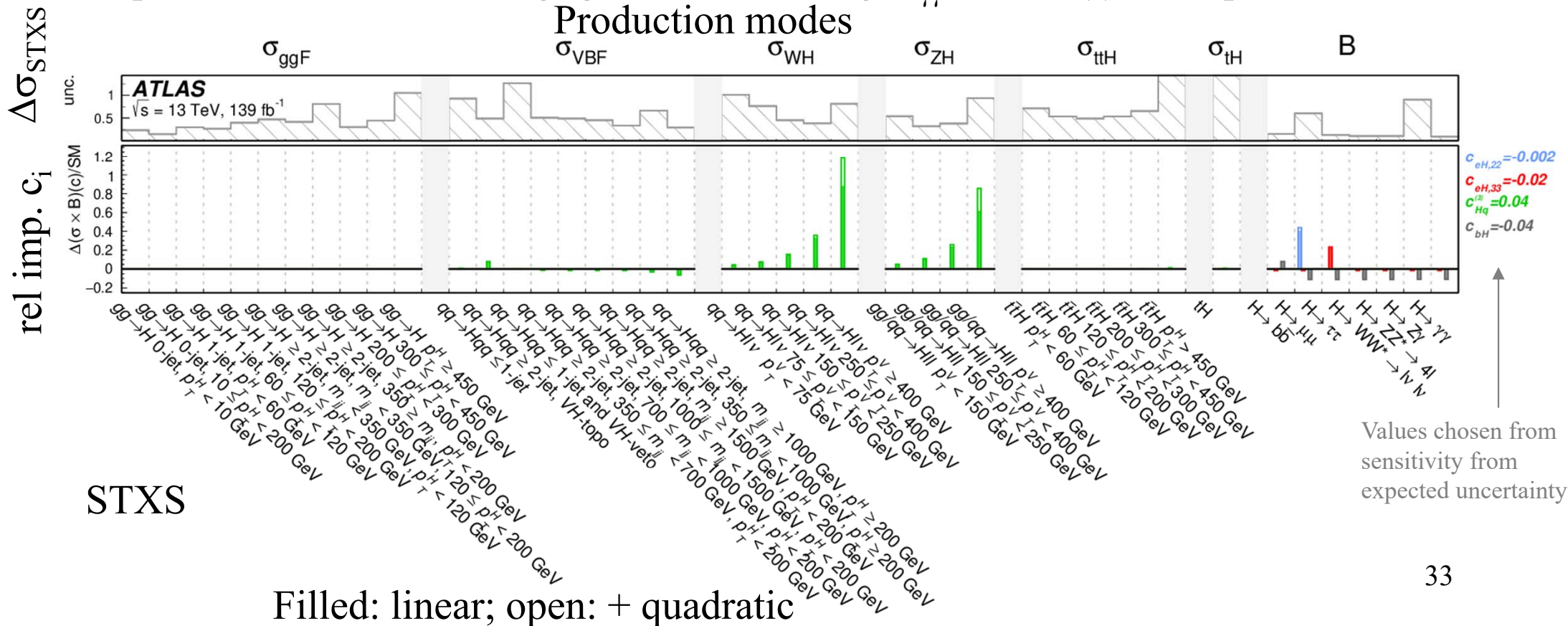
STXS fine granularity=restricted kinematic region : acceptance  $\approx$  insensitive to EFT

Assumed theoretical systematic cover possible modification

- **Decay: f(EFT)** (no restriction to kinematic region)

2 bodies: small effect: small. >2 bodies decays : parametrisation

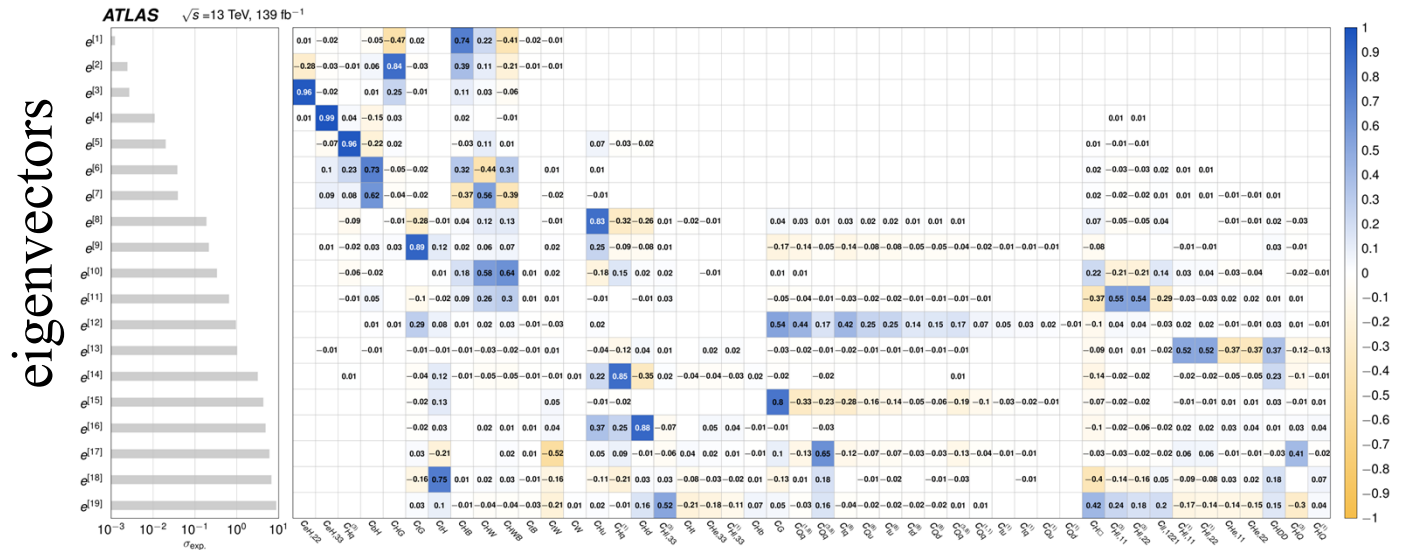
- Shape final discriminant: negligible effect on (eg  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  for  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ), else parameterised



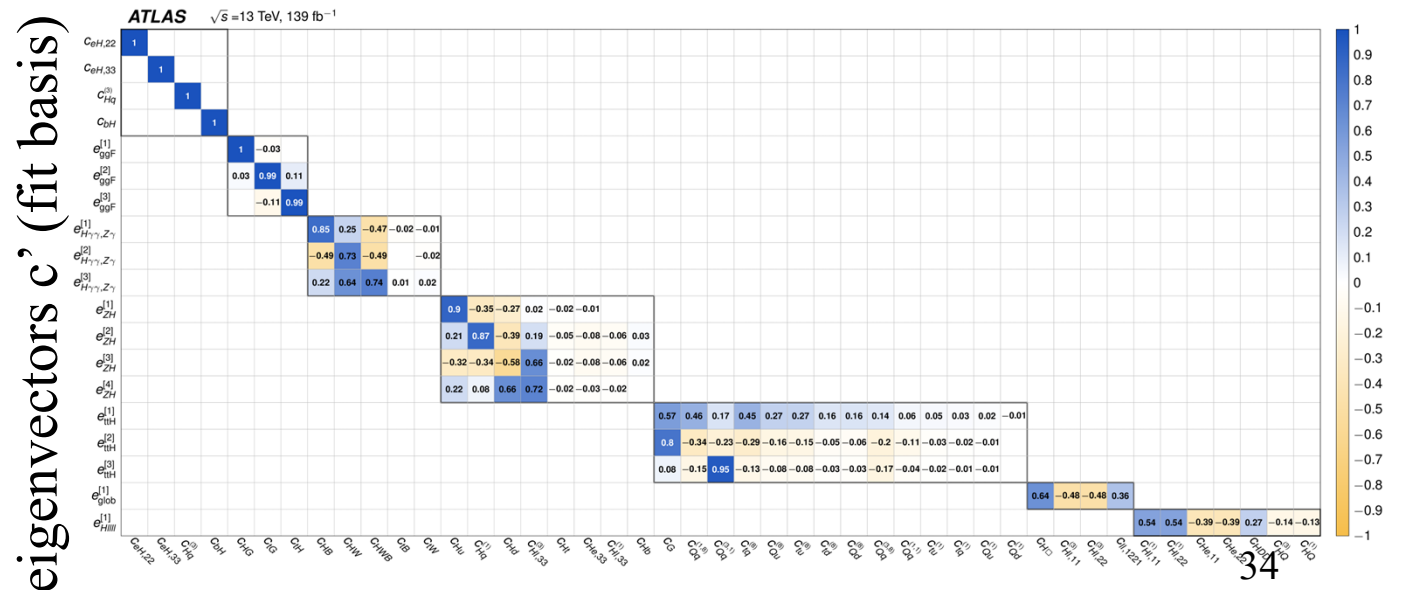
# Higgs combination (STXS, $d\sigma/dX$ ) EFT interpretation

Even though top symmetry:  
too many operators, and  
correlations

Eigenvectors from  $V_{\text{SMEFT}}^{-1}$



Wilson Coefficients (Warsaw basis)



Wilson Coefficients  $c$  (Warsaw basis)

# Higgs combination (STXS, $d\sigma/dX$ ) EFT interpretation

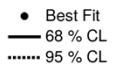
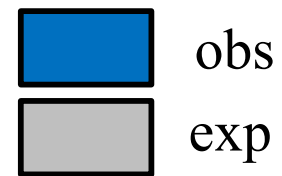
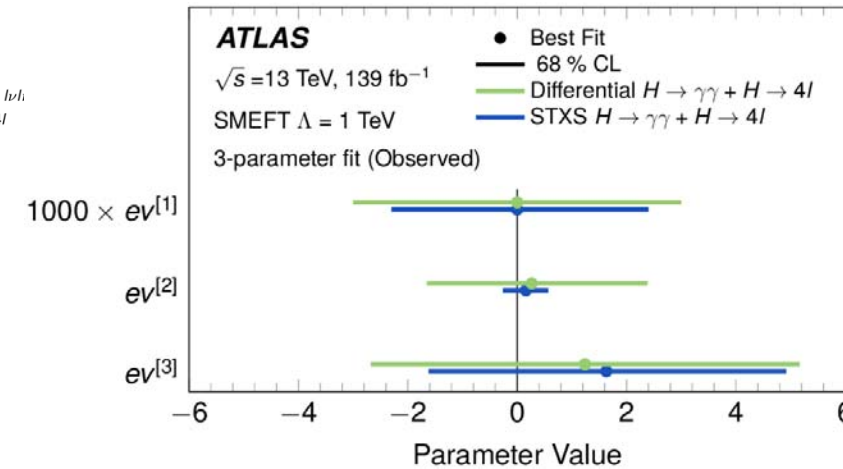
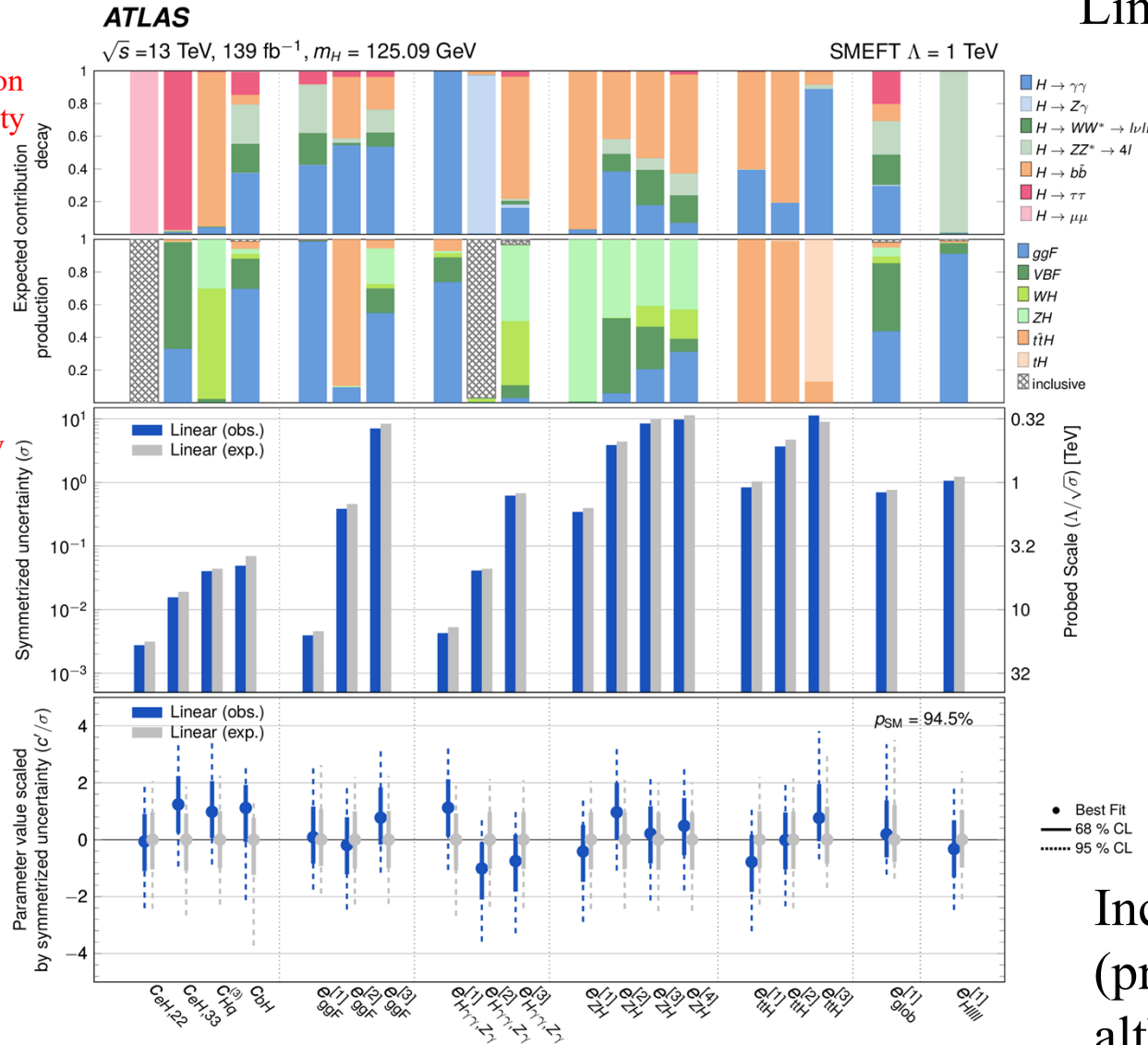
- Results STXS (here linear)

- Results  $d\sigma/dp_T^H$ ,  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow 4l$   
Linear only; other eigenvectors

Contribution to sensitivity of  $c_i$

uncertainty

pull



Increased sensitivity from STXS (production modes, many variables, although lower granularity than  $p_T^H$ )

# Higgs combination (STXS, $d\sigma/dX$ ) EFT interpretation

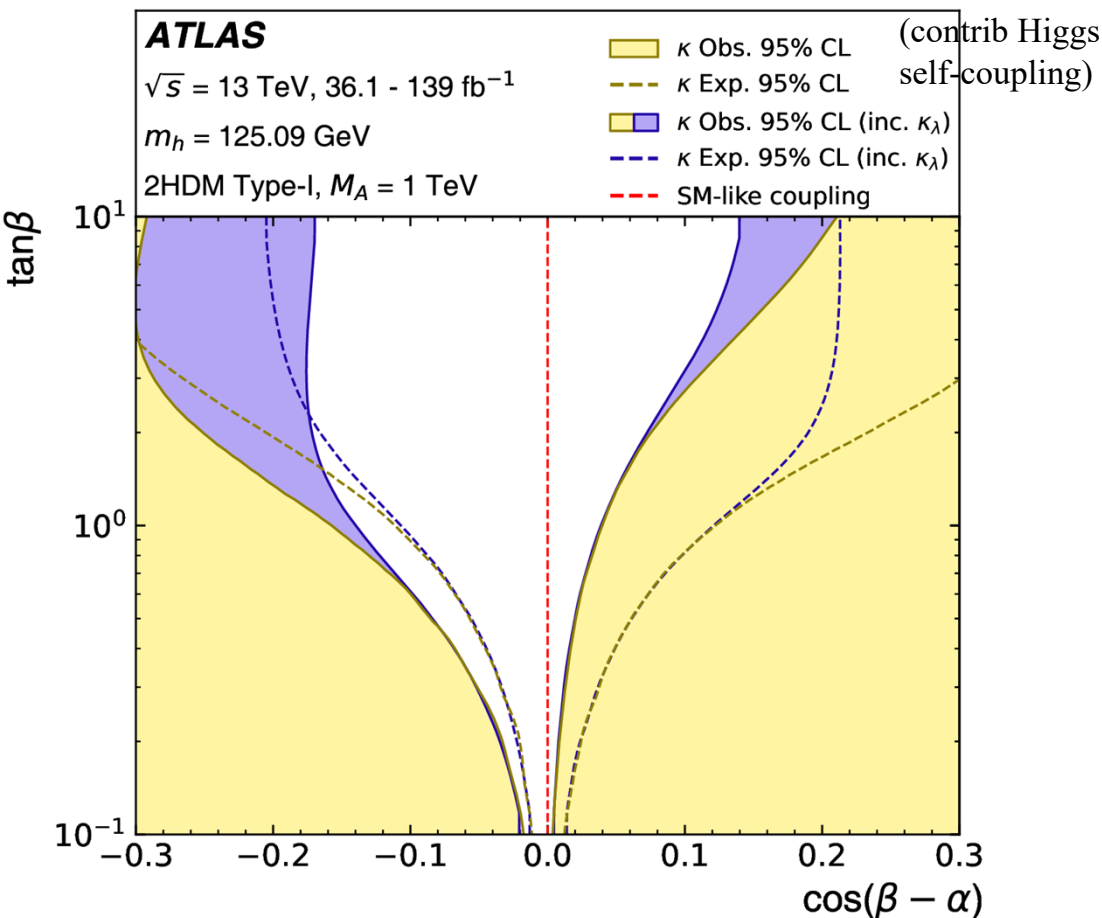
UV-complete BSM

- 2HDM

Add  $VH \times H \rightarrow WW^*$ ,  $VH$ ,  $ttH \times H \rightarrow$  multileptons from  $\kappa$  (no inv., und. Higgs), from EFT

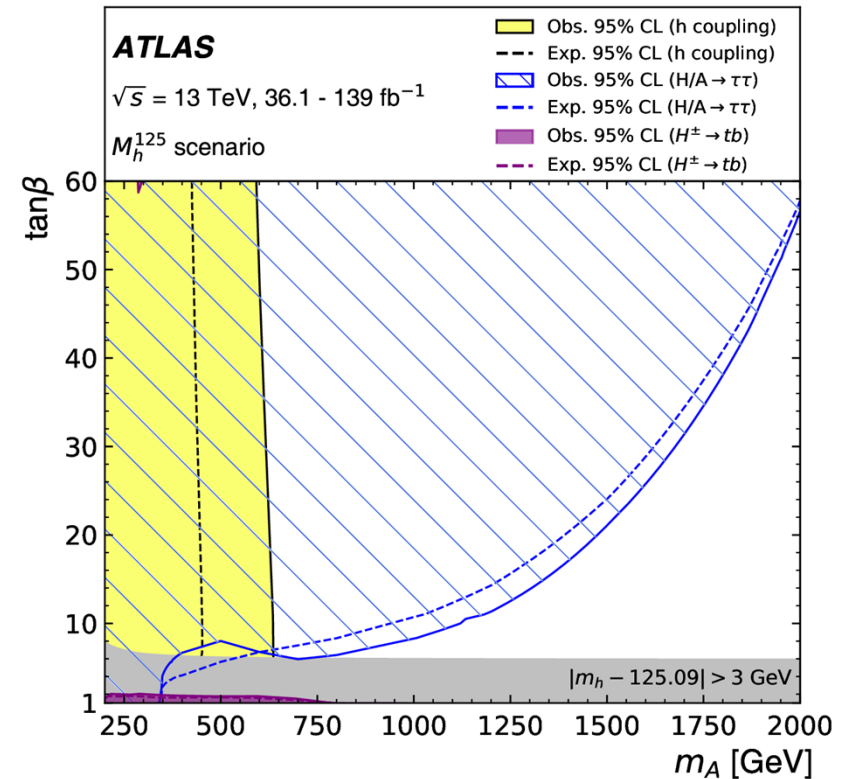
Example Type I from  $\kappa$

Good agreement in regions w/ dim-8 negligible



- MSSM, 8 benchmarks

Example :  $m_h^{125}$



# H → Zγ

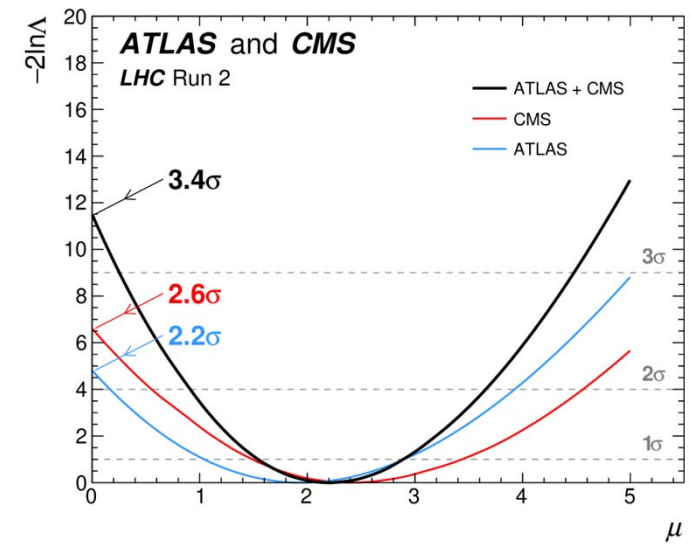
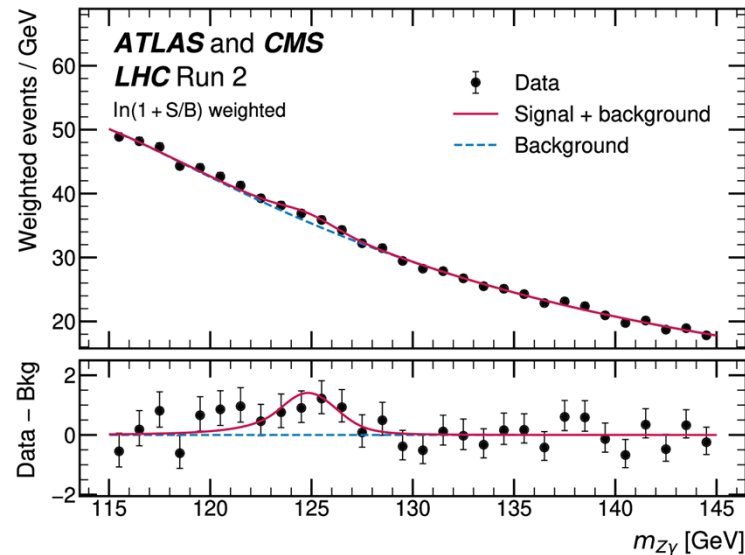
ATLAS+CMS, Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV, L=139+138 fb<sup>-1</sup>, [PRL 132 \(2024\) 021803](#), September 2023

- Rare (BR=1.5×10<sup>-3</sup>), loop diagrams: sensitive to BSM
- Z → ll [e or μ], m<sub>ll</sub> > 50 GeV: clean signature, good mass resolution
- γ: identified/isolated
- m<sub>Zγ</sub>: improve resolution: FSR correction momentum μ + kinematic fit m<sub>ll</sub>
- Categories = f(kinematic features, process, BDT)
- Dominant bkg : Drell-Yan+jets

- Experimental systematics: uncorrelated (some could be correlated but ≪ uncorrelated ones)

## First evidence for H → Zγ

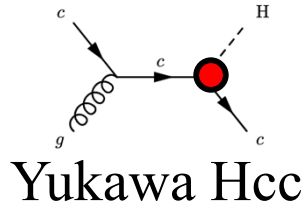
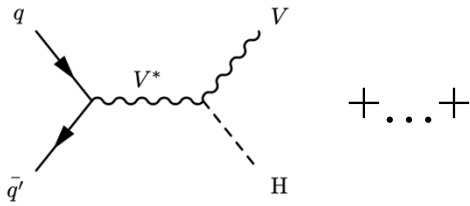
Z<sub>obs</sub> = 3.4 (Z<sub>exp</sub> = 1.6)  
 ATLAS: obs: 2.2 (exp: 1.2)  
 CMS: obs: 2.6 (exp: 1.1)



$$\mu^{\text{obs}} = 2.0^{+1.0}_{-0.9}$$

$$\mu^{\text{exp}} = 1.0 \pm 0.9$$

# H $\rightarrow$ $\gamma\gamma$ + c



Yukawa Hcc  
(1% only of whole process)

## • Selection

Photons: high  $p_T$ , identified/isolated

$m_{\gamma\gamma} \in [105 ; 160]$  GeV

Signal Regions ( $m_{\gamma\gamma} \in [120 ; 130]$  GeV)

c-tag SR:  $\geq 1$  c-jet (DL1r : prob b, c, l)

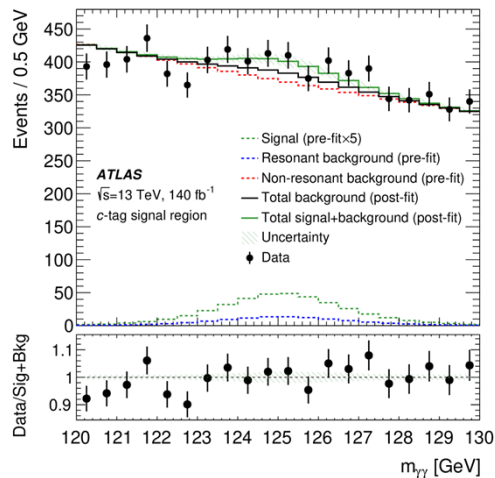
non c-tag SR: due to low eff c-tag

## • Background

$\gamma\gamma+j$ , resonant H production (!) (Gaussian Process Regression)

modélisation cont.: GPR\*, extrapol. data from sideband

## • Binned likelihood fit: $m_{\gamma\gamma}$



## • Significance

$$Z_{\text{obs}} = 1.7$$

$$Z_{\text{exp}} = 1.0$$

## • 95% CL upper limit

obs: 10.4 pb

exp: 8.6 pb

exp c-tag: 9.6 pb

non-ctag: 14 pb

## • Measurement $\sigma$

obs:  $5.2 \pm 3.0$  pb

exp:  $2.9 \pm 2.8$  pb

(dominated by stat uncertainty)

First search of this production

# Rare decay $H \rightarrow D^* \gamma$

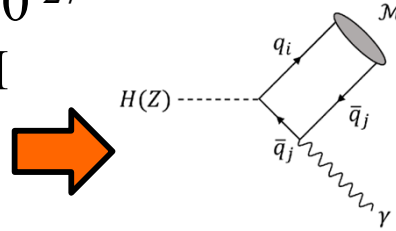
ATLAS, Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  $L=136.3$  fb $^{-1}$ ,  
 PLB 855 (2024) 138762, Feb. 2024

$H \rightarrow D^*(D^0 \pi^0, D^0 \gamma) \gamma$ ,  $D^0: c\bar{u}$  (and conjugate)

$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$

Rare: SM: loop contributions,  $BR=7 \times 10^{-27}$

Probe **flavour-violating coupling**: BSM



- Selection:**

meson+ $\gamma$  back-to-back: loose cut  $\Delta\phi(D^0, \gamma) > \pi/2$

soft  $\pi^0$  and  $\gamma$  not reconstructed (no loss efficiency)

$\gamma$ : identified, isolated

$D^0$ : charged hadrons: ID tracks, OS

displaced vertex:  $L_{xy}/\sigma_{Lxy} > 3$  (suppr. prompt vertices)

radius  $< 15$  mm (in beam pipe: suppr. multijets & interactions in detector material)

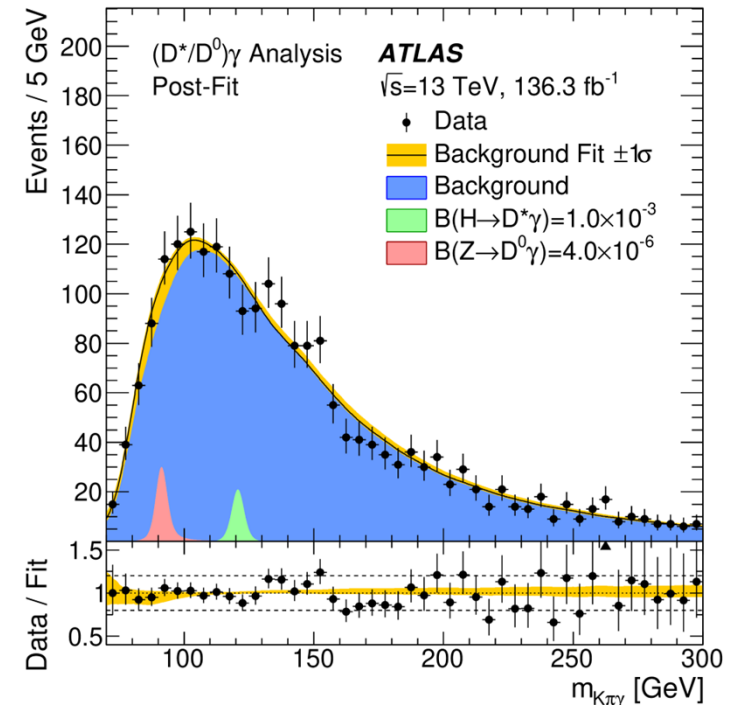
isolated ( $\Sigma p_T$  ID tracks not from PV)  $< 10\%$   $p_T$  meson

$m_{\mathcal{M}} \in [1800 ; 1930]$  MeV,  $p_T^{\mathcal{M}} > 39$  GeV

- Background: multijets,  $\gamma$ +jets

non-parametric data-driven, very finely binned template

- Unbinned likelihood fit  $m_{\mathcal{M}\gamma}$  ([70 ; 300] GeV)**



- 95% UL on  $BR(H \rightarrow D^* \gamma)$**   
 obs:  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$   
 exp:  $1.2^{+0.5}_{-0.3} \times 10^{-3}$

**First limit set on this decay**

# VBF WH, $H \rightarrow bb$ , $\lambda_{WZ}$

ATLAS, Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  $L=140$  fb $^{-1}$ ,  
PRL 133 (2024) 141801, Feb 2024

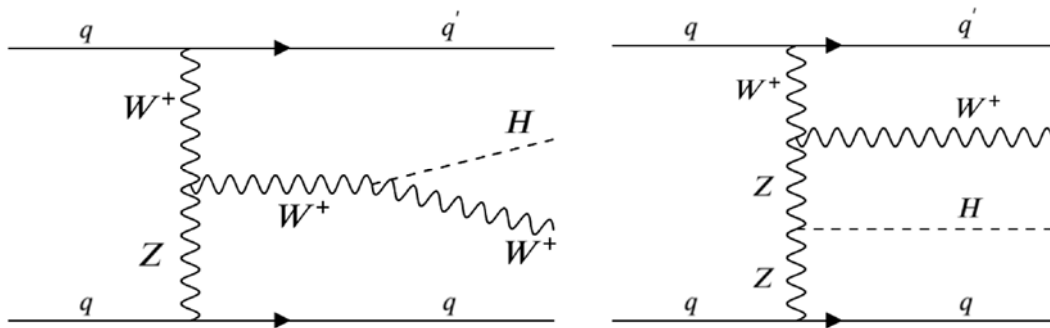
Gauge symmetry electroweak model broken by Higgs doublet,  $\rho = \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta} = 1$

Experimentally valid at 1% level.

Still valid after radiative corrections: custodial symmetry to protect it

Test  $\lambda_{WZ} = \kappa_W / \kappa_Z$ : any deviation from 1  $\Leftrightarrow$  violation custodial symmetry  
(isospin multiplet  $\rightarrow$  doublet, eg some Georgi-Machacek)

VBF WH(bb) allow probes non quadratic terms. Destructive in SM, constructive if  $\lambda_{WZ} < 0$



2 b-jets, 2 jets, charged lepton, MET

2 analyses. binned likelihood fit: Poisson counting

Positive  $\lambda_{WZ}$  analysis: 95% CL limit on  $\mu$ : obs: 9.0, exp: 8.7

Negative  $\lambda_{WZ}$  analysis:  $\kappa_W < 0$  excluded.  $\kappa_Z < 0$  excluded w/  $Z > 5$



# Cross-sections combination

Run 3,  $\sqrt{s}=13.6$  TeV,  $L=29.0-31.4$  fb<sup>-1</sup>, [CERN-EP-2023-114](#)

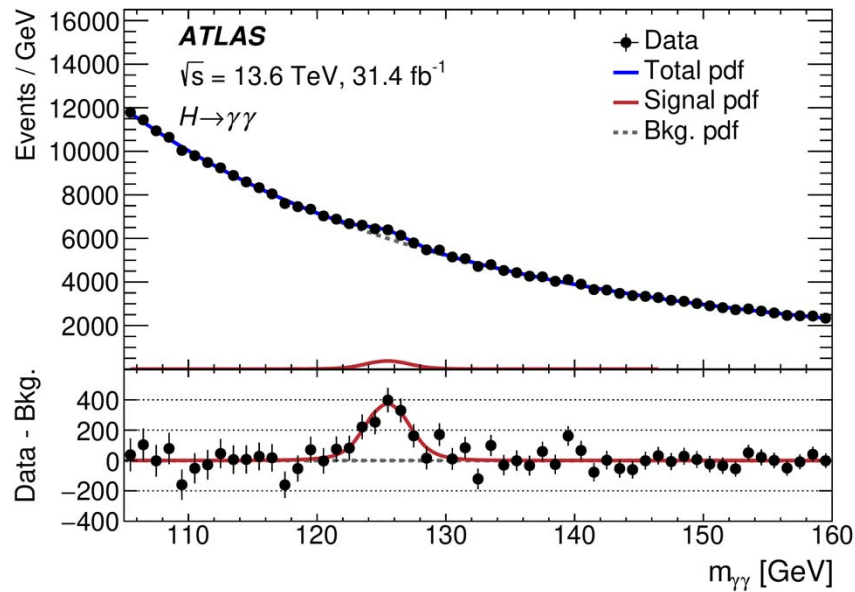
$$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$$

Fiducial cross-sections

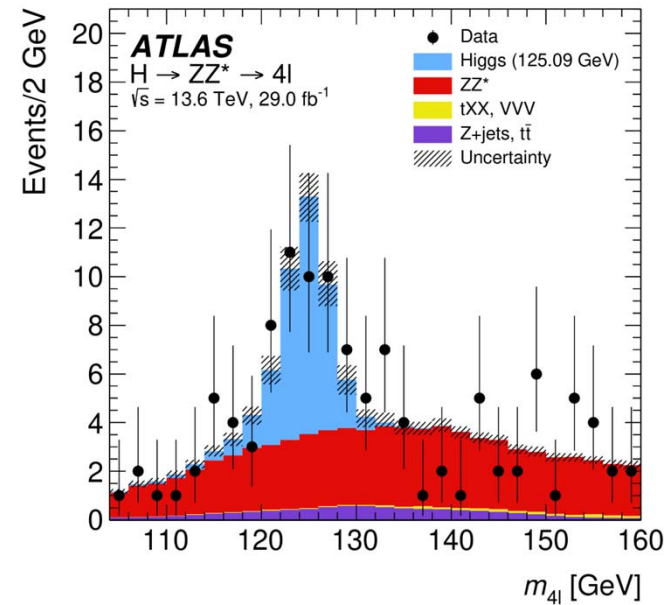
$$\sigma_{fid}^{\gamma\gamma} = 76 \pm 11 \text{ (stat)} \text{ }_{-7}^{+9} \text{ (sys.)}$$

(note 'today', 183 fb<sup>-1</sup> available)

$$\sigma_{fid}^{4l} = 2.80 \pm 0.70 \text{ (stat)} \text{ } 0.21 \text{ (sys.)}$$

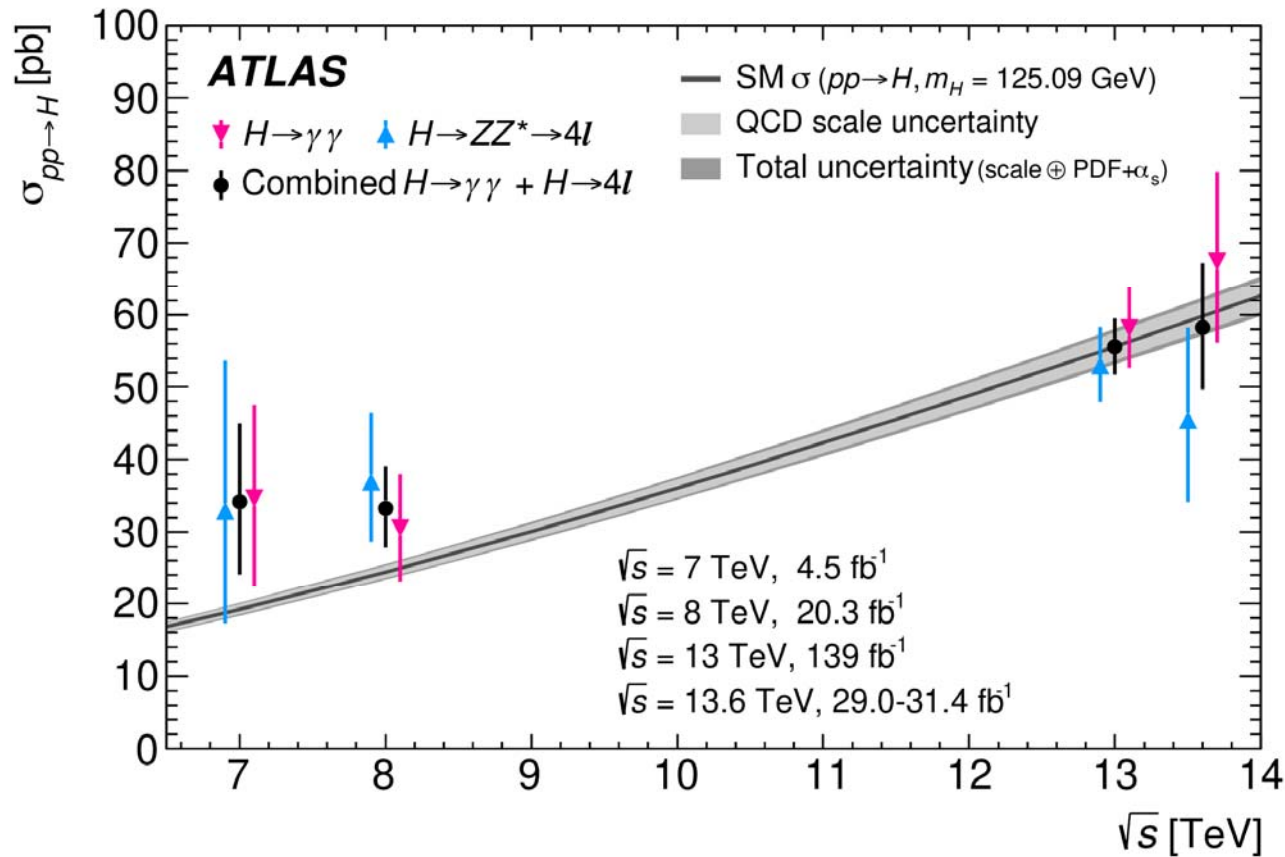


Source	Uncertainty [%]
Statistical uncertainty	14.0
Systematic uncertainty	10.3
Background modelling (spurious signal)	6.0
Photon trigger and selection efficiency	5.8
Photon energy scale & resolution	5.5
Luminosity	2.2
Pile-up modelling	1.2
Higgs boson mass	0.1
Theoretical (signal) modelling	<0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.4</b>



Source	Uncertainty [%]
Statistical uncertainty	25.1
Systematic uncertainty	7.9
Electron uncertainties	6.3
Muon uncertainties	3.8
Luminosity	2.2
ZZ* theoretical uncertainties	0.7
Reducible background estimation	0.6
Other uncertainties	<1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.4</b>

# Cross-sections combination

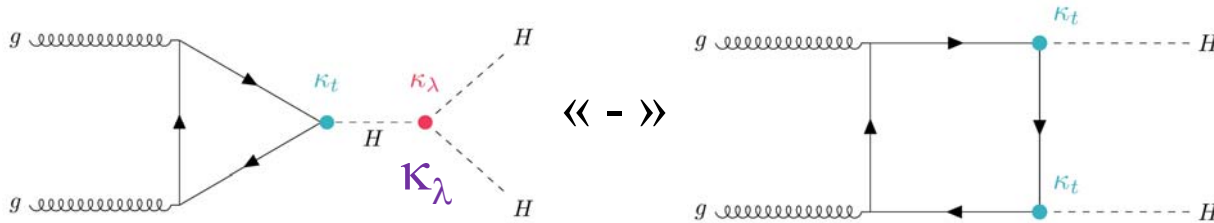


Excellent agreement w/ energy dependence  
Dominated by stat. Uncertainty  
(note 'today',  $183 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  available)

# HH: dominant prod. modes

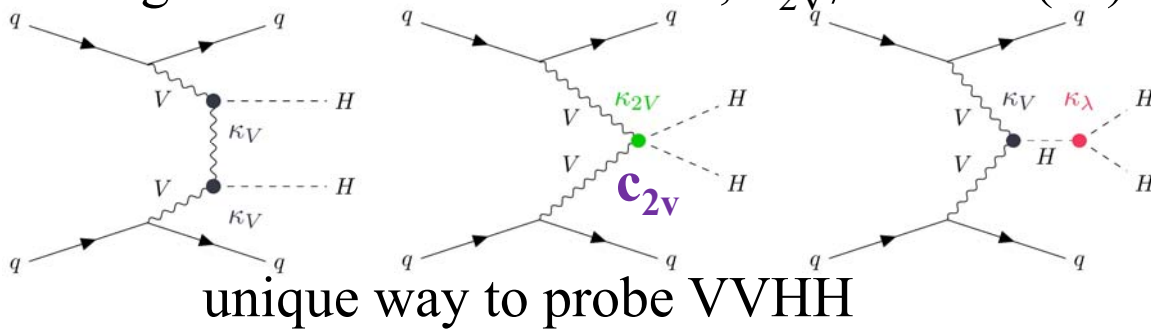
- **Non-resonant** (in the HH)

ggF

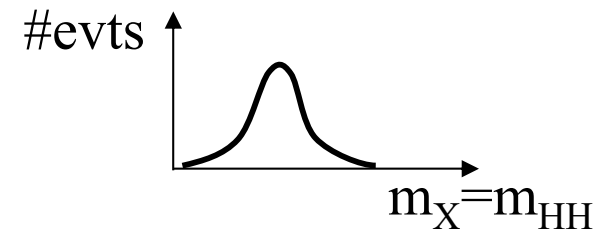
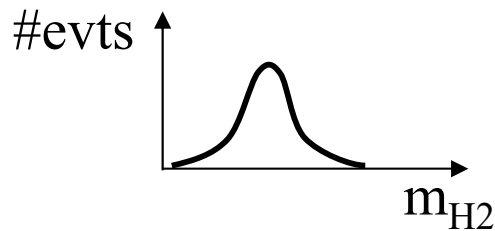
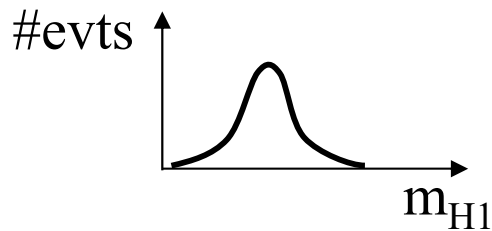
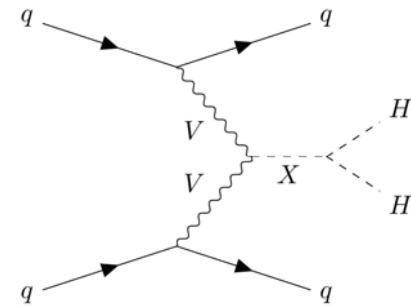
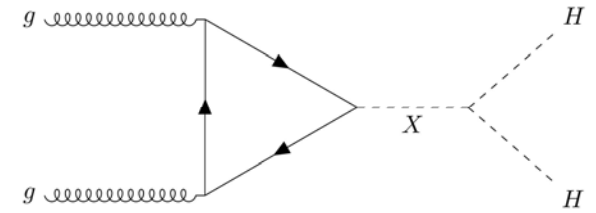


Divergences cancel out in SM ;  $\kappa_{2V} \neq 1 \Leftrightarrow \sigma = f(\sqrt{s})$

VBF



- **Resonant**



- **Resonant** J=0 (scalar), hMSSM,  $\tan \beta = 2$  CP-even Higgs: X

J=2, RS KK graviton  $G_{KK}$ , parameters: k: curvature WED,  
 $M_{Pl}$ : effective 4D Planck scale

X (S, G)  $\rightarrow$  HH  
 X (S, G)  $\rightarrow$  S'S'  
 X (S, G)  $\rightarrow$  G'G<sup>43</sup>

# Non-resonant HH Combination

ATLAS, Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  
L=126-140 fb<sup>-1</sup>, [PRL 133 \(2024\)](#)  
[101801](#), June 2024

- Channels

-bbbb resolved, boosted

-bb $\tau\tau$  1  $\tau_{\text{had}} \Leftrightarrow \perp$  bbl+MET

-bb $\gamma\gamma$

-multilepton: select bbZZ\*, VV\*VV\*, VV\* $\tau\tau$ ,  $\tau\tau\tau\tau$ ,  $\gamma\gamma$ VV\*,  $\gamma\gamma\tau\tau$

-bbl+MET: bb + (ZZ\*, WW\*,  $\tau\tau$ ) $\rightarrow$ ll

Improved classifications

Overlap data & MC:  
<1% in SR  $\Leftrightarrow$  negligible

- Final DV:  $m_{\text{HH}}$ ,  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ , MVA=f(channel)

- Systematics & correlation scheme

Highest systematic: modelling radiation HF jets ggF: 25% on  $\mu_{\text{HH}}$

-Data-taking: correlated (apart resolved bbbb, different calibration version)

-physics objects: correlated

-theory: correlated

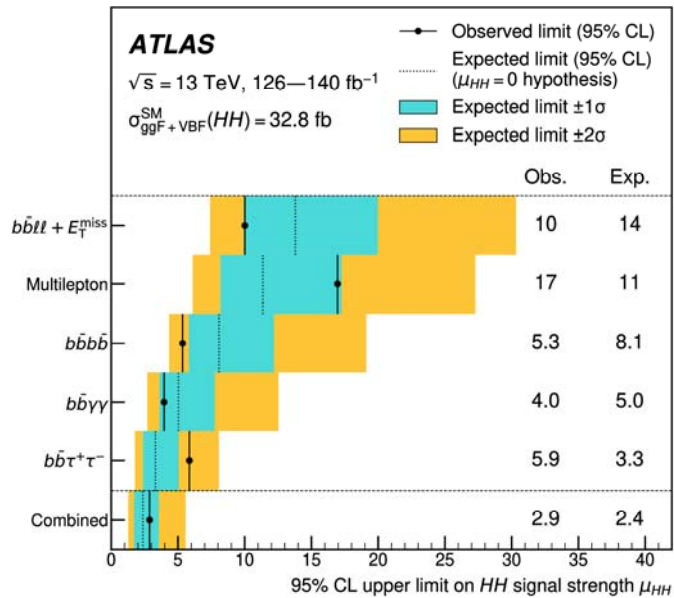
-systematics highly constrained or pulled: uncorrelated (but impact choice negligible)

# Non-resonant HH Combination

- Channels (overlap data & MC: <1% in SR  $\Leftrightarrow$  negligible)  $f(\kappa_\lambda)$  of 1-H neglected  
 $bbbb$  (resolved, boosted),  $bb\tau\tau$  ( $1 \tau_{had} \perp bbl+MET$ ),  $bb\gamma\gamma$ , multilepton ( $bbZZ^*$ ,  $VV^*VV^*$ ,  $VV^*\tau\tau$ ,  $\tau\tau\tau$ ,  $\gamma\gamma VV^*$ ,  $\gamma\gamma\tau\tau$ ),  $bbl+MET$  ( $bb + (ZZ^*, WW^*, \tau\tau) \rightarrow ll$ )

- Final DV:  $m_{HH}$ ,  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ , MVA

- Limit on HH

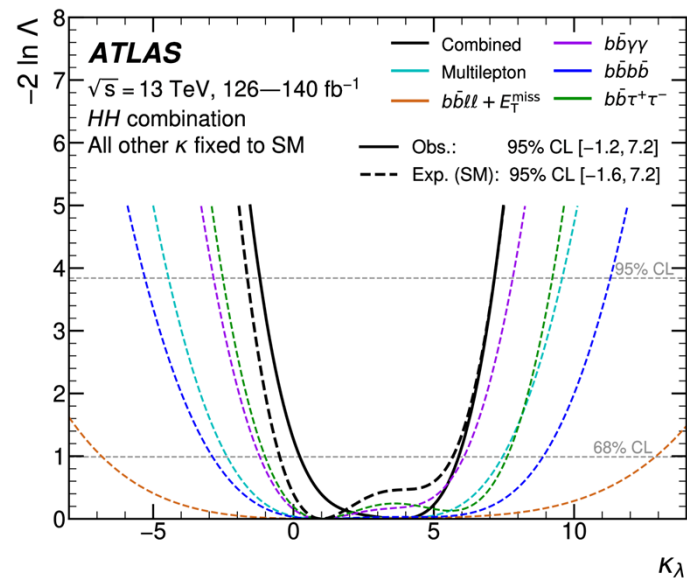


$bb\tau\tau$  most sensitive

expected: 17% improvement

13%:  $bb\tau\tau$ ,  $bb\gamma\gamma$ ,  $bbbb$

4%: add multilepton,  $bbl+MET$

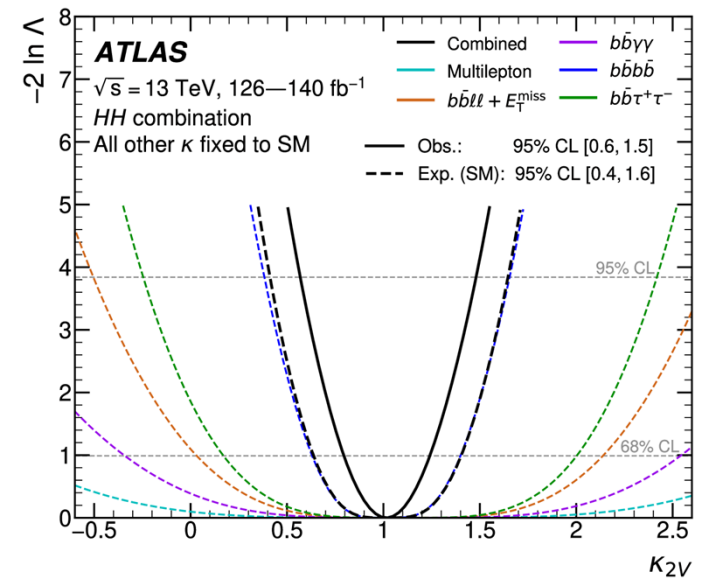


$bb\gamma\gamma$  most sensitive

$\kappa_\lambda$ , 95 % CL

obs : ]-1.2 ; 7.2[

exp: ]-1.6 ; 7.2[



$bbbb$  most sensitive:

(boosted & deficit data)

$\kappa_{2V}$ , 95 % CL

obs : ]0.6 ; 1.5[

exp : ]0.4 ; 1.6[

Best expected sensitivity to date on  $\mu_{HH}$  &  $\kappa_\lambda$

# Non-resonant HH Combination

HEFT constraints

using 3 most sensitive channels:  $bb\tau\tau$ ,  $bb\gamma\gamma$ ,  $bbbb$

(VBF boosted ignored: only sensitive to  $c_{hhh}$ ,  
prediction not available for this process)

- 95% CL intervals

obs:  $-0.38 < c_{gghh} < 0.49$  (exp:  $-0.36 < c_{gghh} < 0.36$ )

$-0.19 < c_{tthh} < 0.70$  (exp:  $-0.27 < c_{tthh} < 0.66$ )

Most stringent constraints to date

# HH → bb+ll+MET

ATLAS, Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  
L=140 fb<sup>-1</sup>, JHEP 02 (2024) 037

- Target

$$bb+WW^*/ZZ^*/\tau\tau \rightarrow bb+ll+\nu$$

- Selection

=2 b-jet

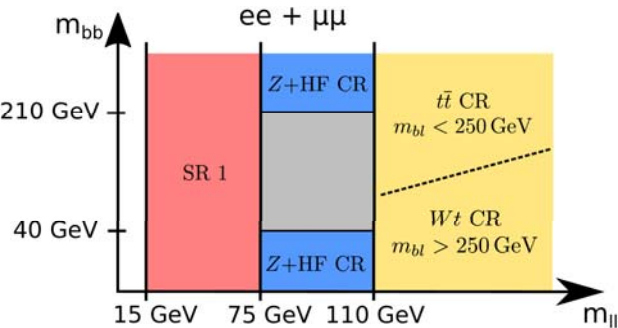
=2 OS leptons (e or  $\mu$ )

No requirement on MET (ensure high stat for MVA)

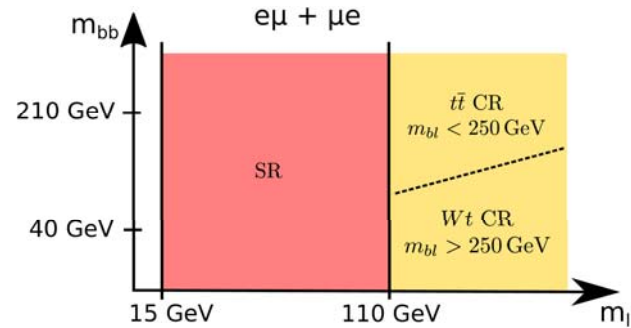
Veto event bad jet (suppr. misid jets)

SR and CR:  $f(m_{ll})$

same flavour



≠flavour



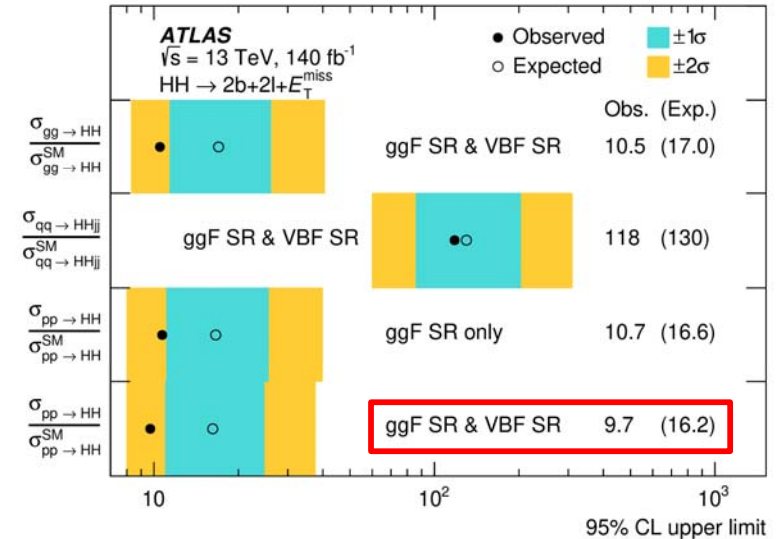
gray: negligible

Categories ggF/VBF

Final discriminant: MVA

Train BDT VBF on  $\kappa_\lambda=0$

Oct. 2023



- $\kappa_\lambda$  95 % CL

obs : [-6.2 ; 13.3]

exp: [-8.1 ; 15.5]

- $\kappa_{2V}$  95 % CL

obs : [-0.17 ; 2.4]

exp: [-0.51 ; 2.7]

Significant improvement  
wrt previous publication

# Non resonant VBF HH(bbbb) boosted

- Selection

-2 b-tagging: DNN

( $\uparrow$  50% sensitivity wrt old track-jet b-tagging)  
 [but not GNN]

WP: 60% eff (rej multijets: 92, rej tt: 31)

-VBF jets: 2 small-R jets,  $|\Delta\eta(j, j)| > 3$ ,  $m_{jj} > 1$  TeV

Signal Region, Validation Region (syst.), Control Region

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{m_{H_1} - 124 \text{ GeV}}{f(m_{H_1})}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m_{H_2} - 117 \text{ GeV}}{f(m_{H_2})}\right)^2} < thr$$

Detector effects, E lost  $\nu$  from b-hadrons, out-of-cone radiation

SR to max. Z for  $\kappa_{2V}=0$  (proxy BSM)  $\Leftrightarrow$  maximise sensitivity  $\kappa_{2V}$

Remove events passing resolved (suppr. overlap)

Efficiency: non-resonant: 1% (BSM)  $\rightarrow$  0.02% (SM), resonant: 5-10% =  $f(m_X, \Gamma_X)$

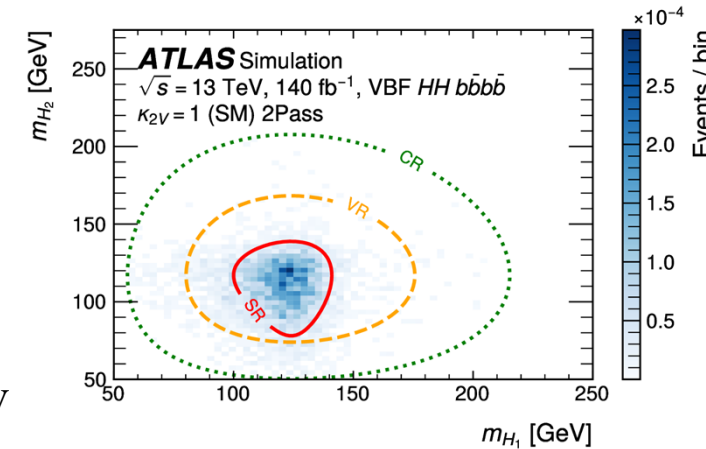
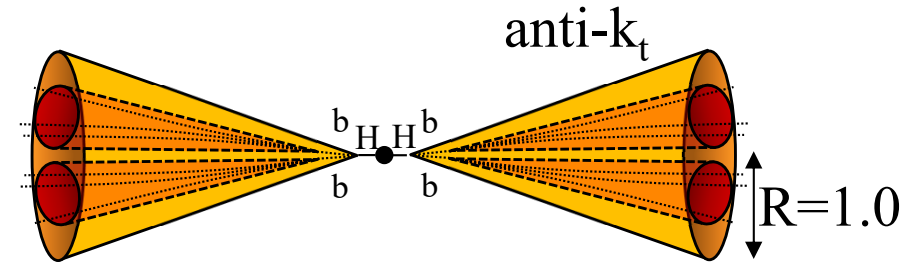
- Background

Primary: multijets (10% tt), data-driven : CR 1 b-J

Negligible: 1-H, dibosons

- Final Discriminant variables: BDT (XGBoost)

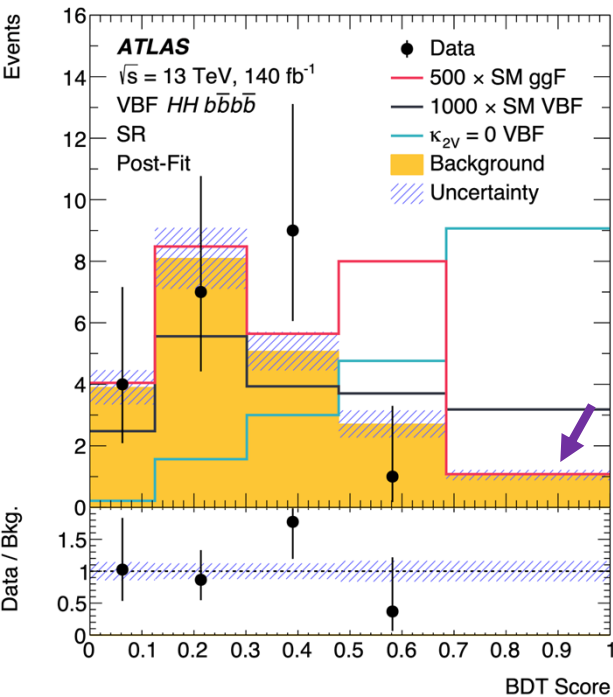
Training: non-resonant:  $\kappa_{2V}=0$  VBF HH (proxy BSM),  
 resonant: mass-parametrised BDT (pBDT)





# Non resonant VBF HH(bbbb) boosted

- ggHH considered bkg for probing  $\kappa_{2V}$   
(+contour ( $\kappa_\lambda, \kappa_{2V}$ ): ggHH considered signal)



deficit data in most  
signal-like bin

- $\kappa_{2V}$  interval at 95% CL ( $\kappa_\lambda=1$ )  
 obs: [0.52 ; 1.52]  
 exp: [0.32 ; 1.71]  
 $\kappa_{2V}=0$  excluded w/  $Z_{\text{obs}}=3.4$   
 $Z_{\text{exp}}=2.9$

Combine w/ resolved

- obs: [0.55 ; 1.49]  
 exp: [0.37 ; 1.67]  
 -obs stronger than exp  
 -allowed range /2 wrt previous  
**ATLAS publication**  
 $\kappa_{2V}=0$  excluded w/  $Z_{\text{obs}}=3.8$   
 $Z_{\text{exp}}=3.3$

- expected contribution boosted for  $\kappa_\lambda$  : marginal wrt resolved
- Complementary analyses for sensitivity:

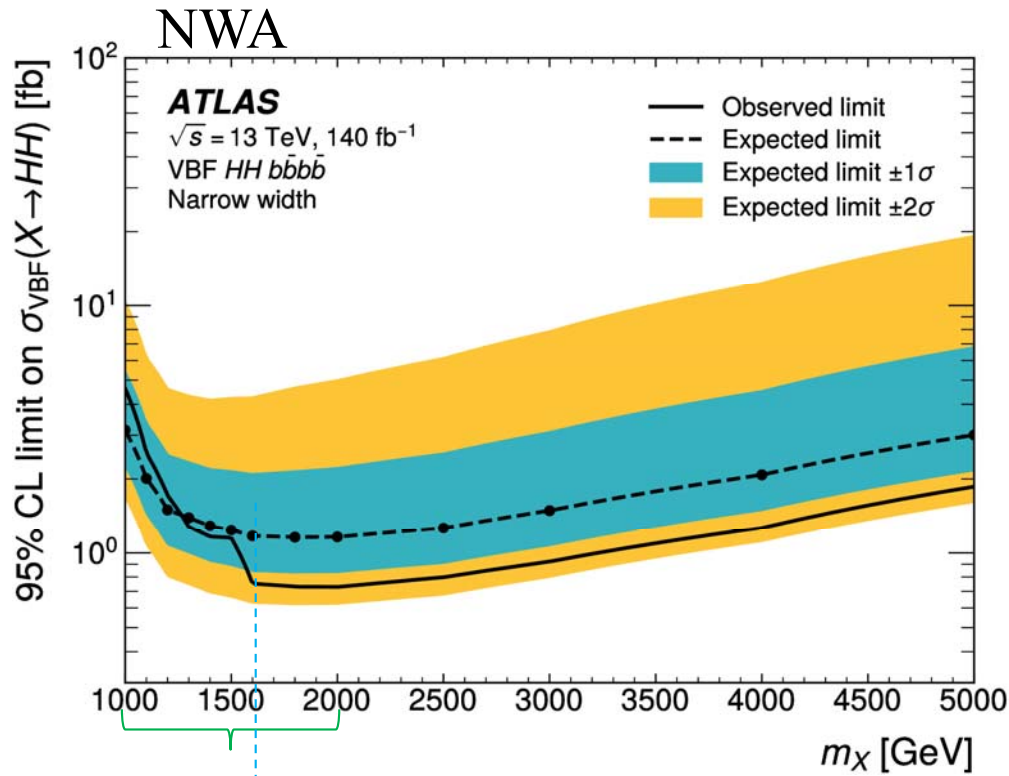
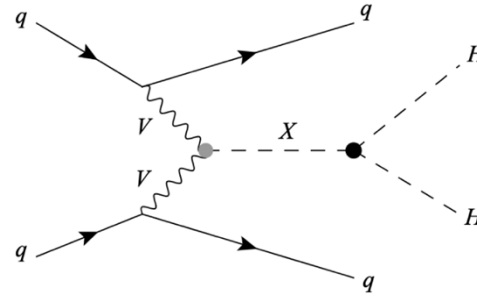
$\kappa_\lambda$  (driven resolved) &  $\kappa_{2V}$  (driven boosted)

[ggHH considered signal for probing  $\kappa_\lambda$ ]

# VBF HH(bb $\bar{b}\bar{b}$ ) boosted

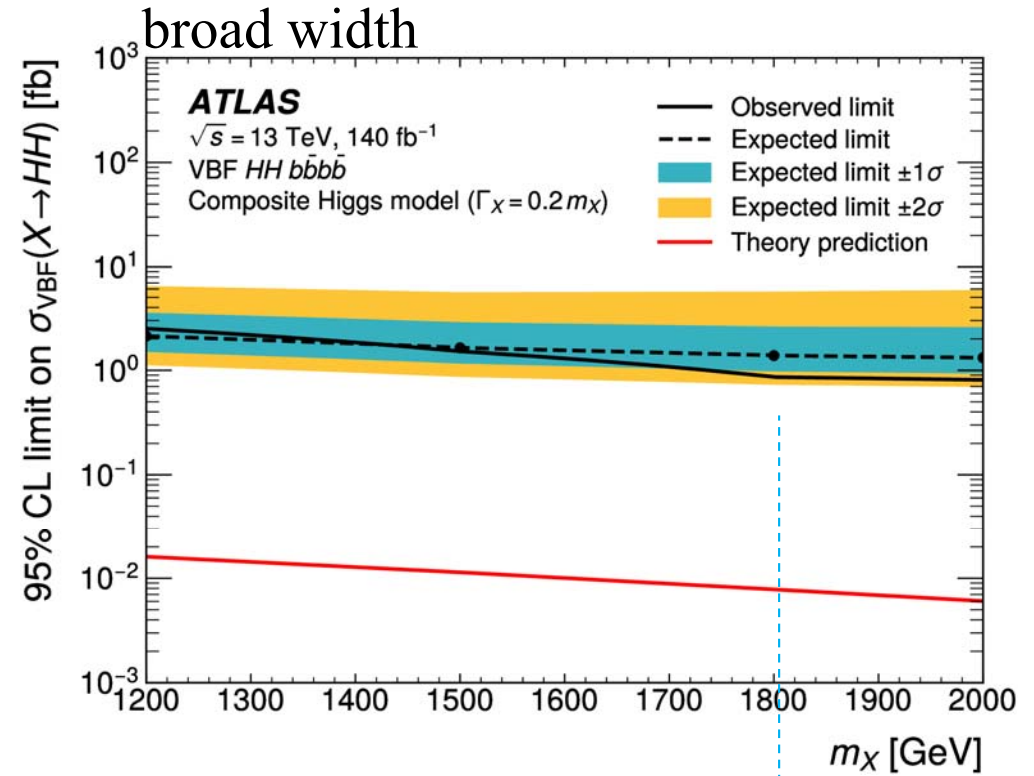
ATLAS, Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  
 $L=140$  fb $^{-1}$ , [PLB 858 \(2024\), 139007](#)

- Resonant, X, spin 0
- Mass-parametrised BDT (pBDT)



Loss efficiency in 2 b-tagging in highly boosted regime

No data in signal-like bin BDT



# Non-resonant HH (bb $\tau\tau$ )

ATLAS, Run 2 Legacy,  
 $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV, L=140 fb $^{-1}$ , PRD  
 110 (2024) 032012

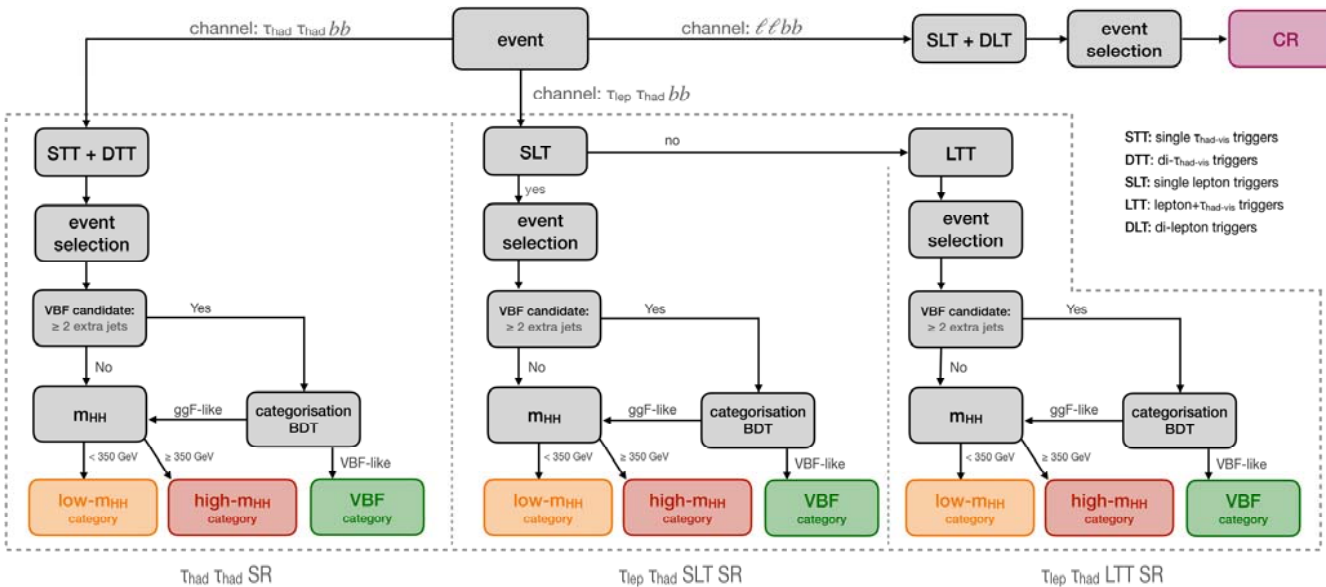
- 3 SR:  $\tau_{had}\tau_{had}$ ,  $\tau_{lep}\tau_{had}$  (e,  $\mu$ ): **Single-Lepton Trigger** or **Lepton-plus- $T_{had}$  Trigger** April 2024  
 ( $\tau_{lep}\tau_{lep}$ : different analysis)

Id( $\tau_{had}$ ): Recurrent Neural Network

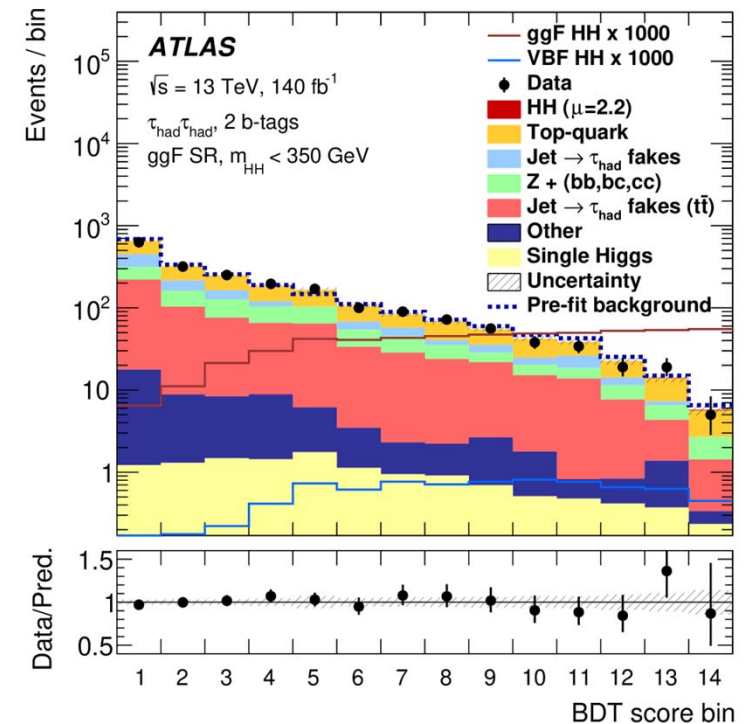
2 b-jets (DL1r, 77% WP),  $m^{\tau\tau}_{MMC} > 60$  GeV, + selection for each SR

Acceptance: 4%

split in 3 categories (w/ category BDT): SR: low (BSM)/high mass (SM), VBF + CR



- Binned likelihood fit: BDT



- Background: data-driven, simulation, combination

# Non-resonant HH (bbττ)

- 95% limits on  $\mu_{HH}$  (driven by  $\tau_{had}\tau_{had}$ ):
- obs: 5.9xSM
- exp: 3.3xSM
- Asymptotic agree within 7% w/ toys
- (improved\* by 15%)

- $\kappa_\lambda$  95% CI:
- obs: ]-3.1 ; 9.0[
- exp: ]-2.5 ; 9.3[
- (improved\* by 11%)

- $\kappa_{2V}$  95% CI:
- obs: ]-0.5 ; 2.7[
- exp: ]-0.2 ; 2.4[
- (improved\* by 19%)

(\*Improved classification + VBF HH category)

## EFT interpretation

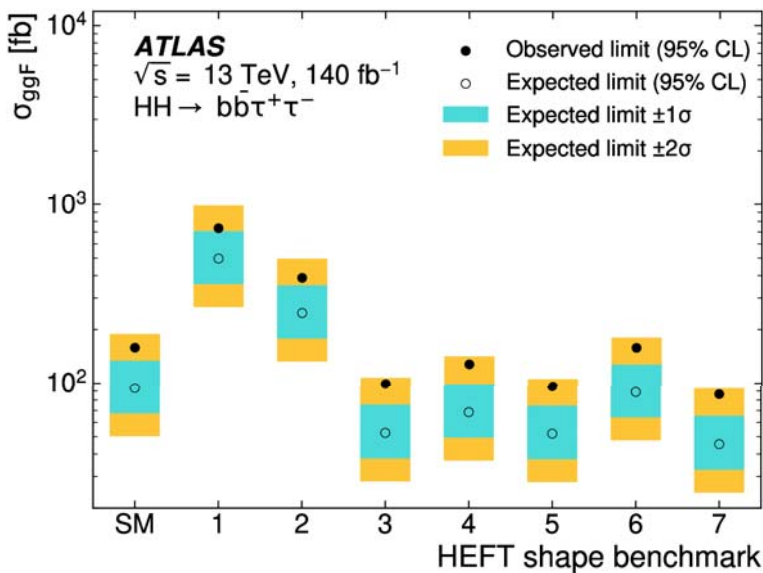
- HEFT
- 7  $m_{hh}$  benchmark scenarios
- (from [arXiv:2304.01968](https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.01968) [hep-ph])

direct limits:  
 $c_{gg hh}, c_{tt hh}$

- SMEFT:  $c_H, c_{H\Box}$

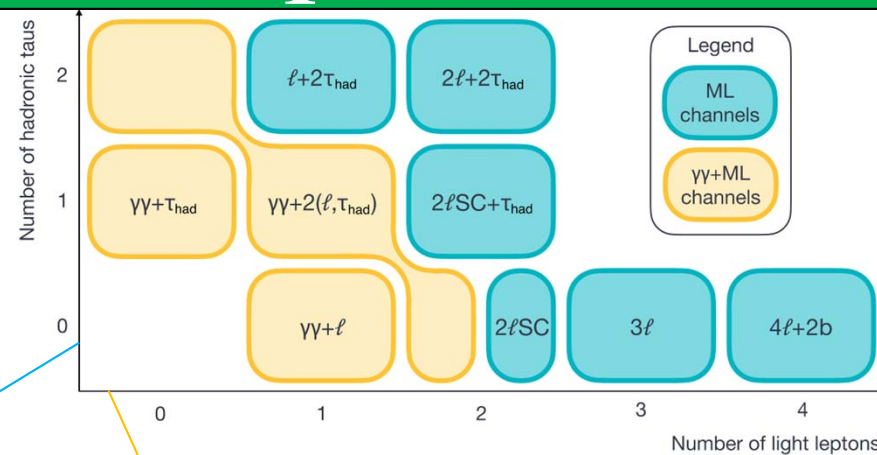
Wilson coefficient	Observed 95% CI	Expected 95% CI
$c_{gg hh}$	[-0.51, 0.58]	[-0.42, 0.44]
$c_{tt hh}$	[-0.40, 0.84]	[-0.32, 0.72]
$c_H$	[-19.4, 10.0]	[-19.1, 8.6]
$c_{H\Box}$	[-12.6, 11.6]	[-8.5, 11.1]

ATLAS	SM	operator
$c_H$	0	$(\phi^\dagger\phi)^3$
$c_{H\Box}$	0	$(\phi^\dagger\phi)\Box(\phi^\dagger\phi)$

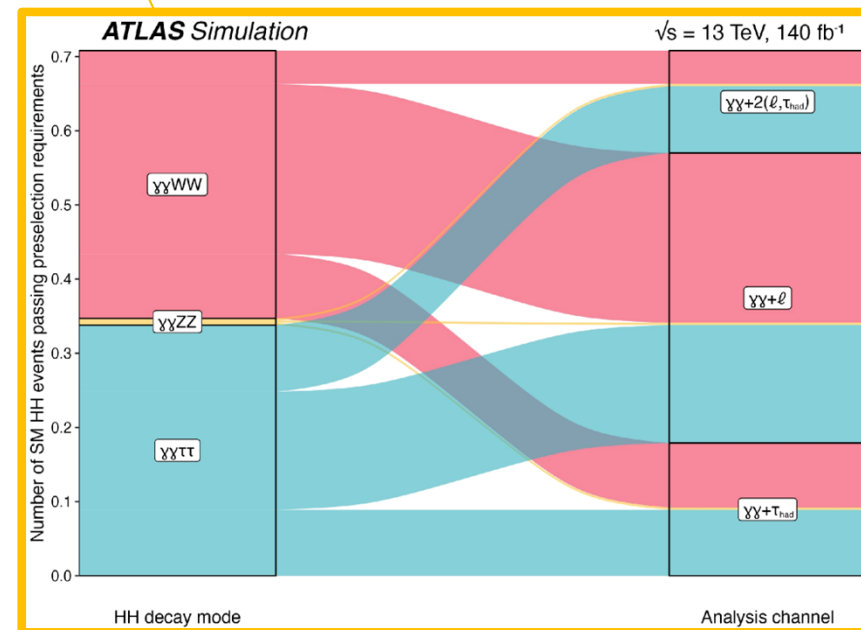
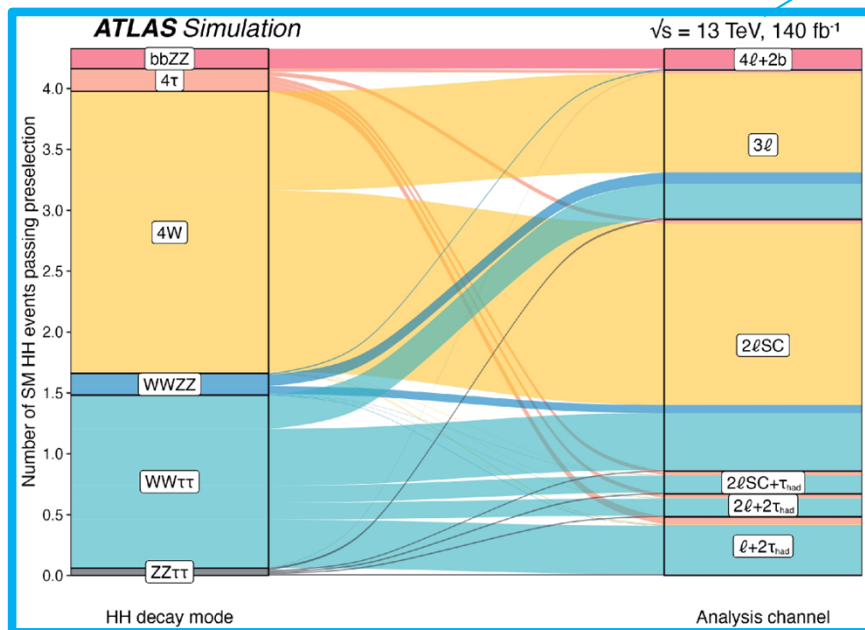


# HH multileptons

- Final state w/ multi leptons &  $\tau_{\text{had}}$
- Subchannels: #objects
- Selection  $\perp$  other analyses
- Dominant bkg: dibosons



## Contributions



Final DV:  $\gamma\gamma$ +ML:  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ , others: BDT  
 Signal: ggF HH, VBF HH  
 Background: normalisation w/ CR

# HH multileptons

- Limit at 95% CL

obs: 17xSM

exp: 11xSM

- $\kappa_\lambda$ , 95 % CL

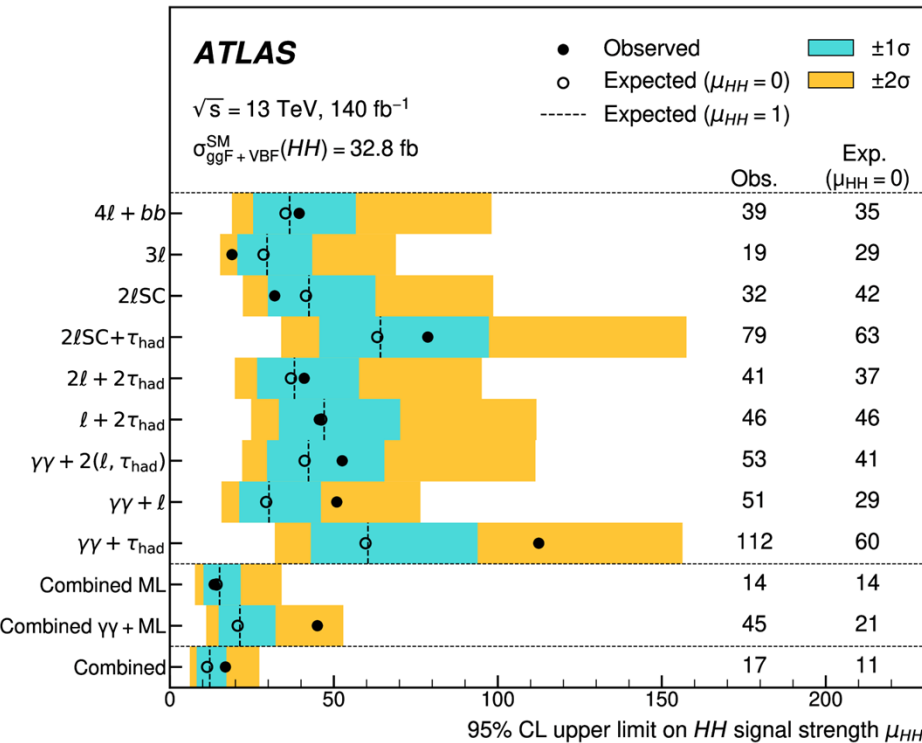
obs : ]-6.2 ; 11.6[

exp: ]-4.5 ; 9.6[

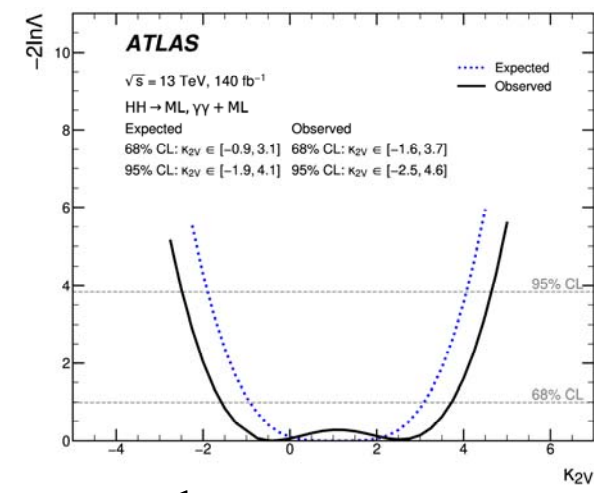
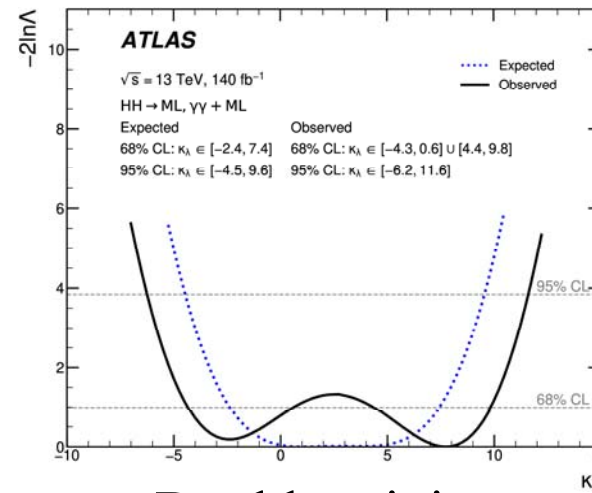
- $\kappa_{2V}$ , 95 % CL

obs : ]-2.5 ; 4.6[

exp: ]-1.9 ; 4.1[



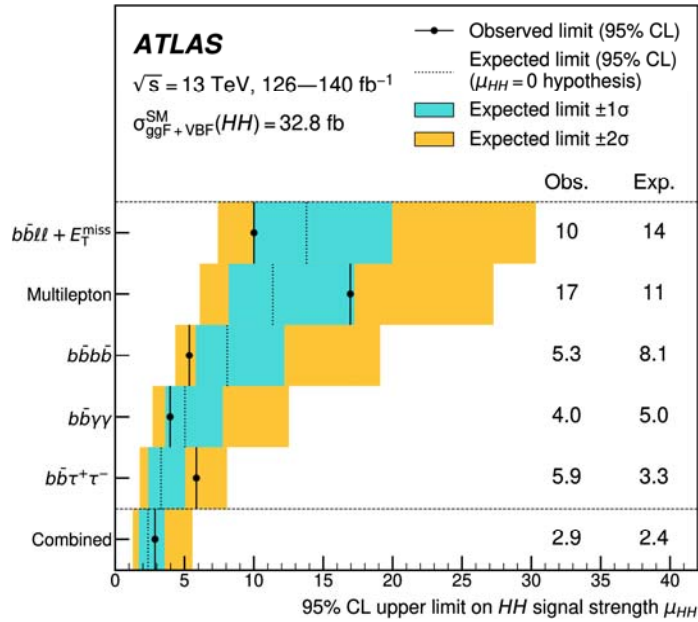
Asymptotic results within 8% w/ toys



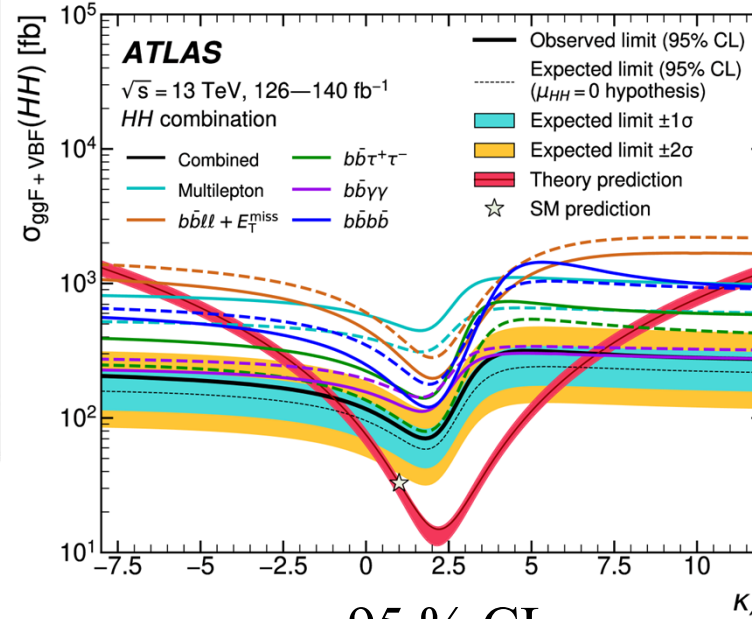
Double minimum structure: degeneracy  
competing  $\sigma=f(\kappa_\lambda)$ ,  $\text{eff}=f(\kappa_\lambda)$

# Non-resonant HH Combination

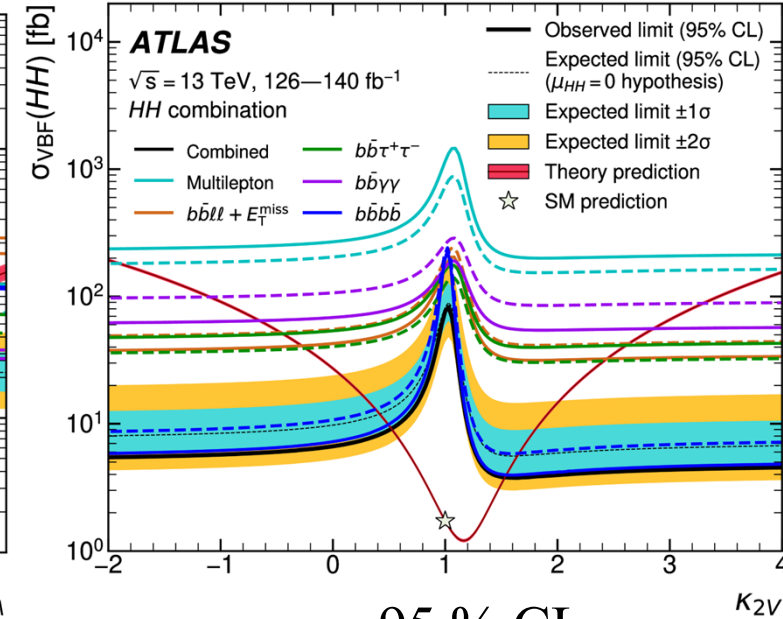
- Limit on HH



## $f(\kappa_\lambda)$ of 1-H neglected



$\kappa_\lambda$ , 95 % CL  
 obs : ]-1.2 ; 7.2[  
 exp: ]-1.6 ; 7.2[



$\kappa_{2V}$ , 95 % CL  
 obs : ]0.6 ; 1.5[  
 exp : ]0.4 ; 1.6[

Best expected sensitivity to date on  $\mu_{HH}$  &  $\kappa_\lambda$

bbb most sensitive  
 (thx boosted)  
 +deficit data

# Non-resonant HH Combination

HEFT constraints

Uses 3 most sensitive channels:  $b\bar{b}\tau\tau$ ,  $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ ,  $b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

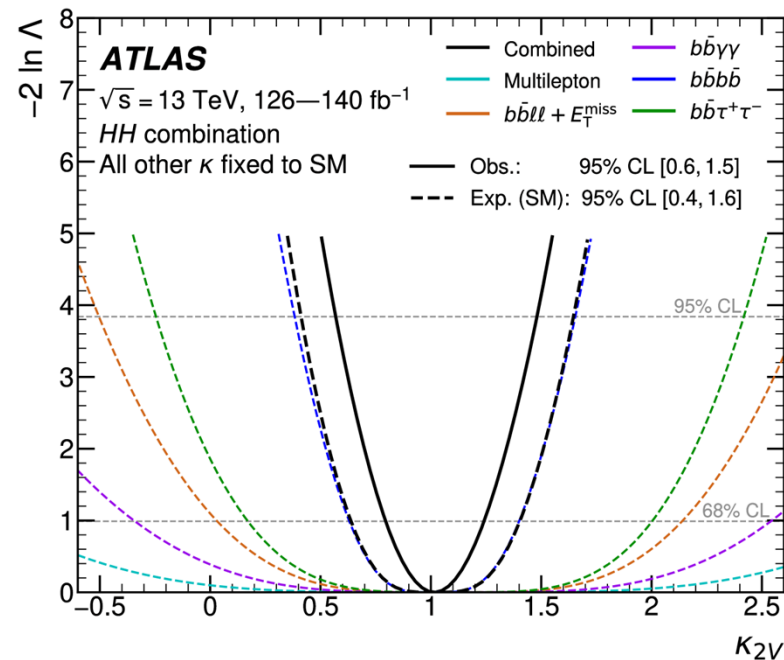
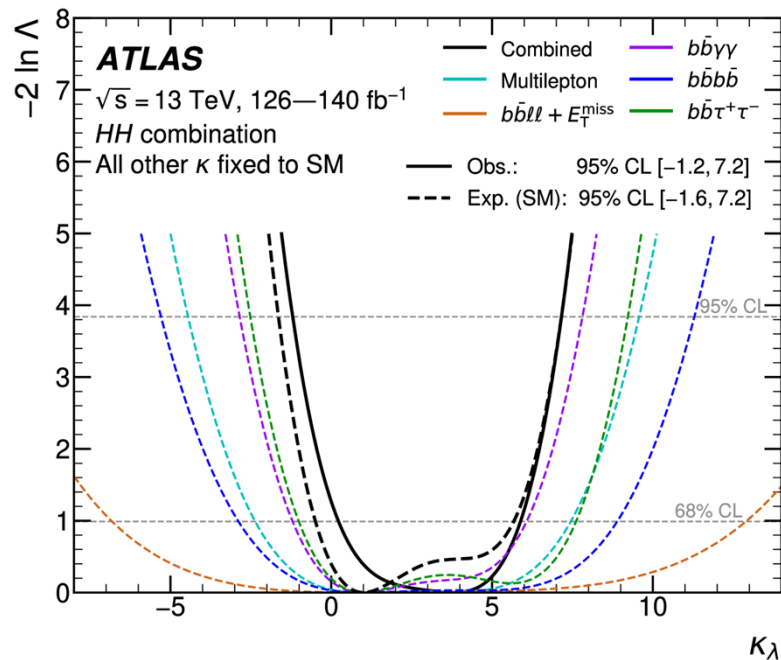
VBF HH ignored (only sensitive to  $c_{hhh}$ ), prediction not available for this process

- 95% CL intervals

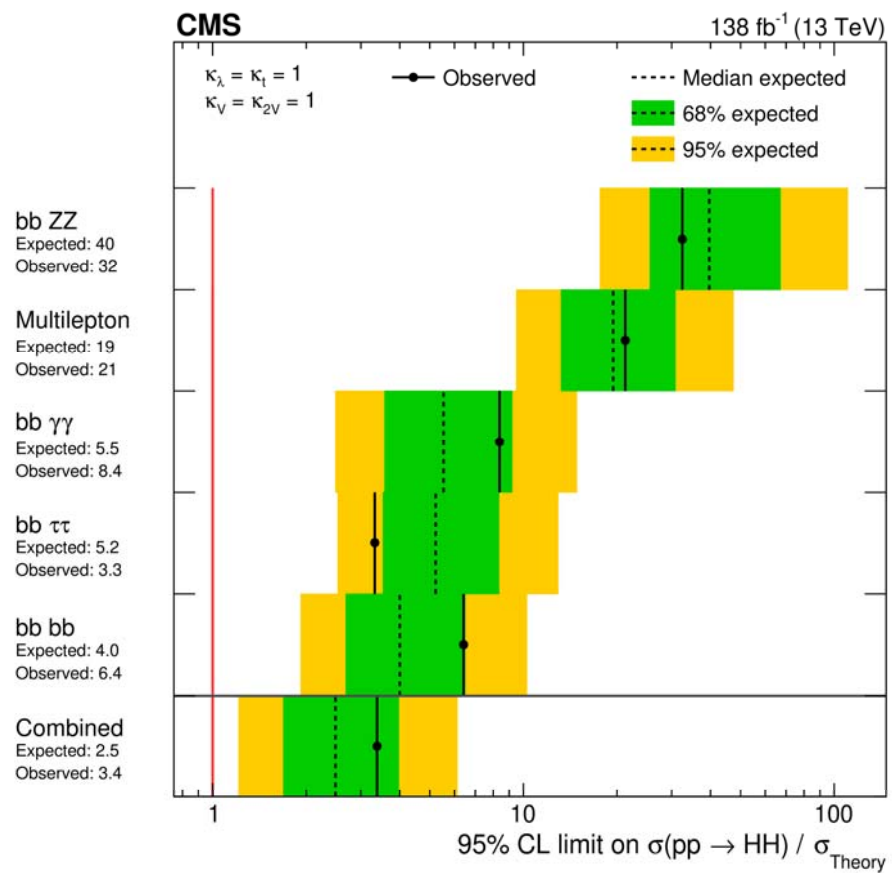
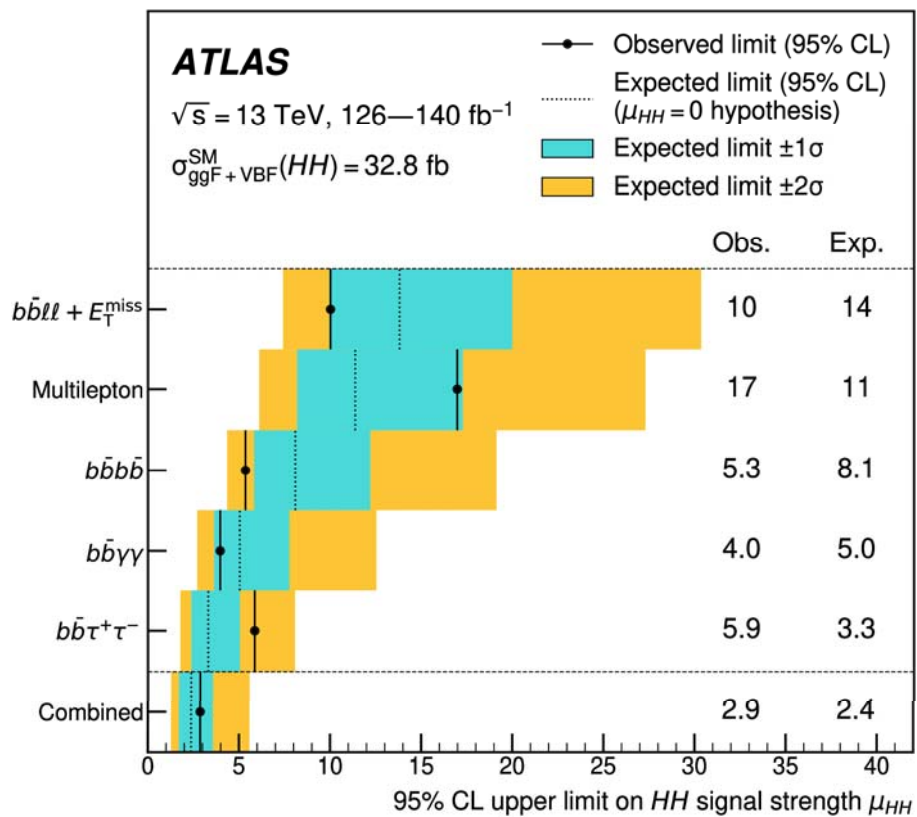
obs:  $-0.38 < c_{gghh} < 0.49$  (exp:  $-0.36 < c_{gghh} < 0.36$ )

$-0.19 < c_{tthh} < 0.70$  (exp:  $-0.27 < c_{tthh} < 0.66$ )

Most stringent constraints to date

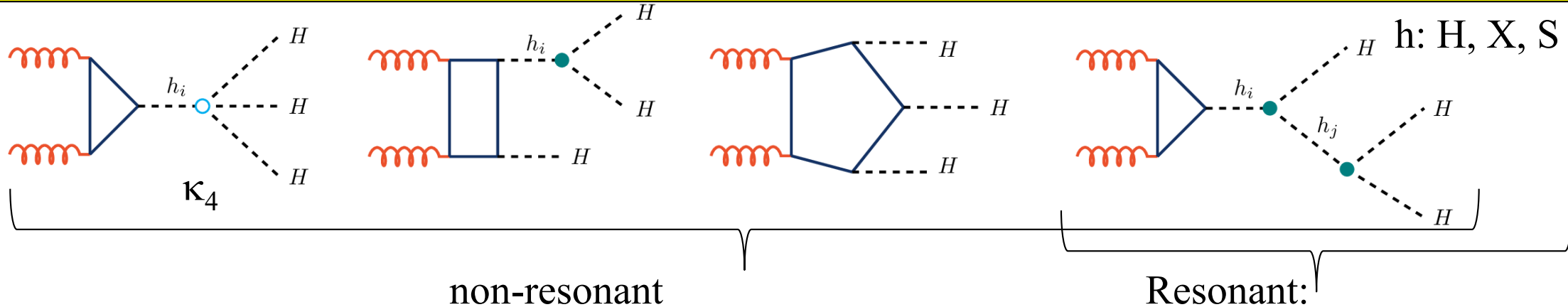






# HHH bb bb bb

ATLAS, Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  $L=126$  fb $^{-1}$ ,  
[CERN-EP-2024-285](#)



- **Scenarios:**

- SM non resonant

- Resonant, H+2 real scalar: X ( $325 < m_X < 575$  GeV), S ( $200 < m_S < 350$  GeV)

$$m_X > m_S$$

Two Real Scalar Model (TRSM)

- Heavy Resonant: heavy spin-0 X, S,  $550 < m_X < 1500$  GeV,  $275 < m_S < 1000$  GeV

$$m_X > m_S, \text{ narrow or wide}$$

Categories: SR: 6b, CR: 4b, 5b

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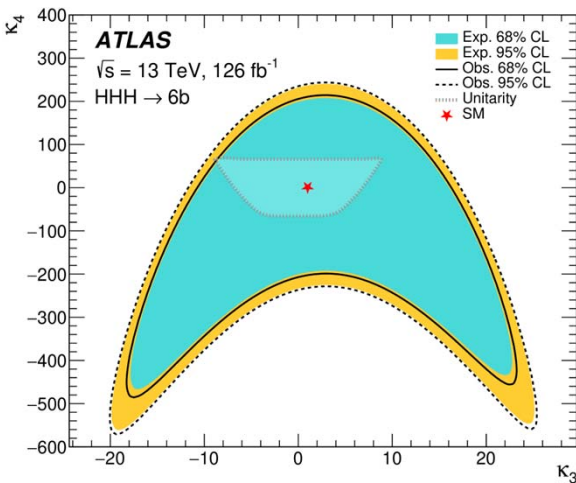
- Pairing: over all pairs, minimize  $|m_{H1}-120 \text{ GeV}|+|m_{H2}-115 \text{ GeV}|+|m_{H3}-110 \text{ GeV}|$   
 values: detector effects, energy lost from neutrinos, out-of-cone radiation  
 efficiency: SM: 61%, BSM: 74-84%

Bkg: dominated by QCD multijets: data-driven: extrapolate from CR

Profile likelihood, DNN

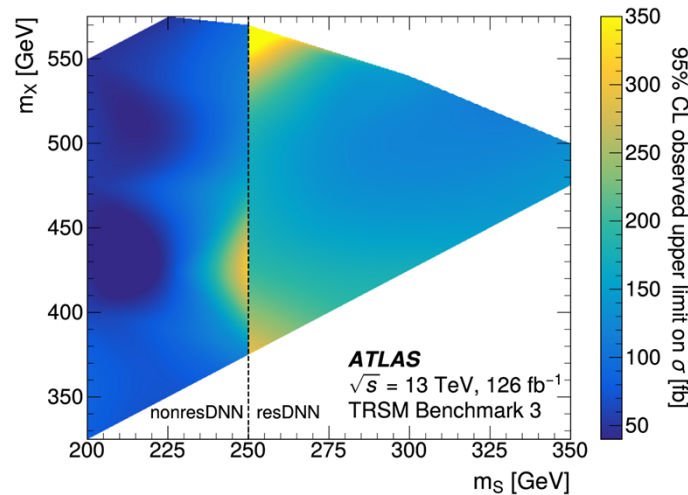
- Non-resonant

Limit  $\mu_{HHH}=750 \times \text{SM}$

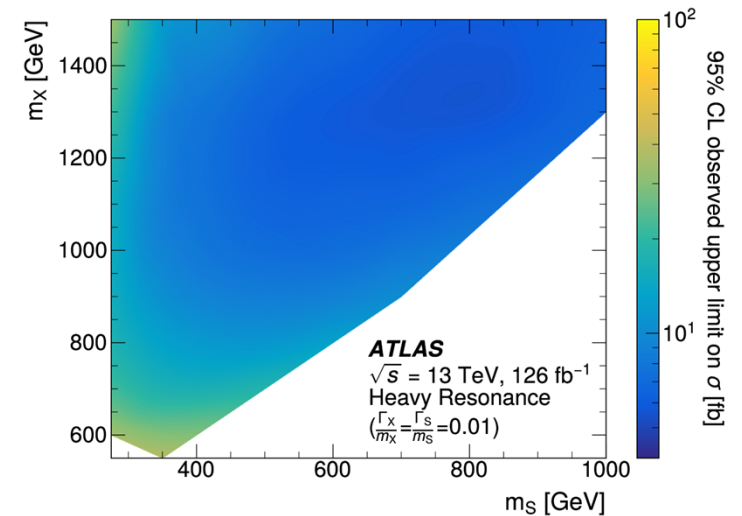


For  $\kappa_4=1$ ,  $-11 < \kappa_\lambda < 17$   
 at 95% CL

- Resonant



- Heavy Resonant, NWA



(+wide)

# ATLAS Combination HH resonant

ATLAS, Run 2,  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV,  
 $L=126-139$  fb $^{-1}$ , [PRL 132](#)  
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- Narrow width (10 MeV)  $gg \rightarrow X$ ,  $J=0$  resonance
- negligible wrt experimental resolution
- neglect interference non-resonant hh ( $\Gamma_H$  low)

Systematics: data-taking: correlated  
 Reco: correlated where appropriate

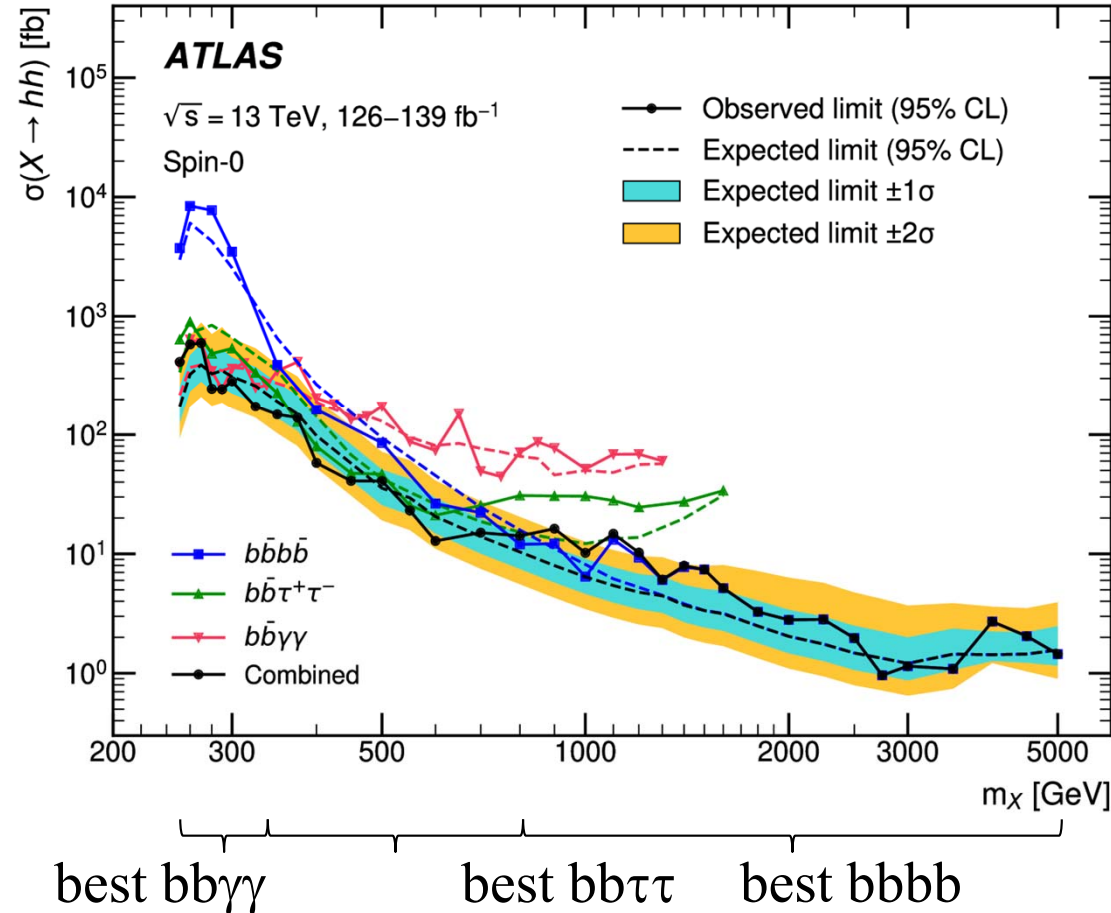
b-tagging: DL1r, eff: 77%, rej j: 170, rej c: 5

-bbbb: resolved ( $R=0.4$ ), BDT to pair b-jets  
 boosted ( $R=1.0$ )

$m_{HH}$ : final DV, kin. rescaling  $m_{bb}=125$   
 Resolution:  $\approx 5-6\%$

-bb $\tau\tau$ : Higgs decays:  $\tau_{had}\tau_{had}$ ,  $\tau_{lep}\tau_{had}$ ,  
 Final DV: mass-parameterised NN  
 $m_X$  resolution: 5-10%

-bb $\gamma\gamma$ : 2 BDT combined  
 1 BDT signal vs  $t\tau\gamma$ ; 1 BDT signal vs 1-H  
 Final DV:  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  (resolution 1%)  
 Resolution  $m_{hh}$ :  $\approx 2-3\%$



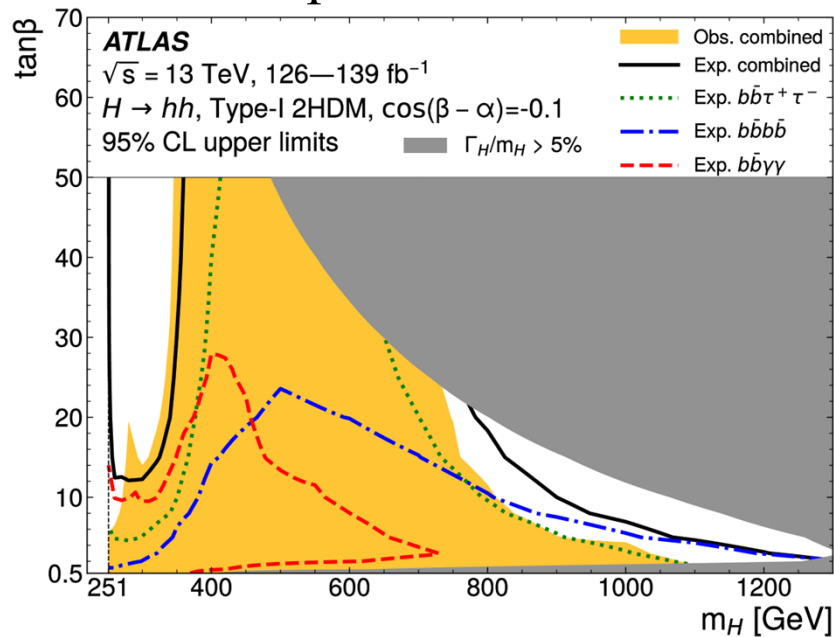
# ATLAS Combination HH resonant

Limit: interpretations

Neglect interference=approximation

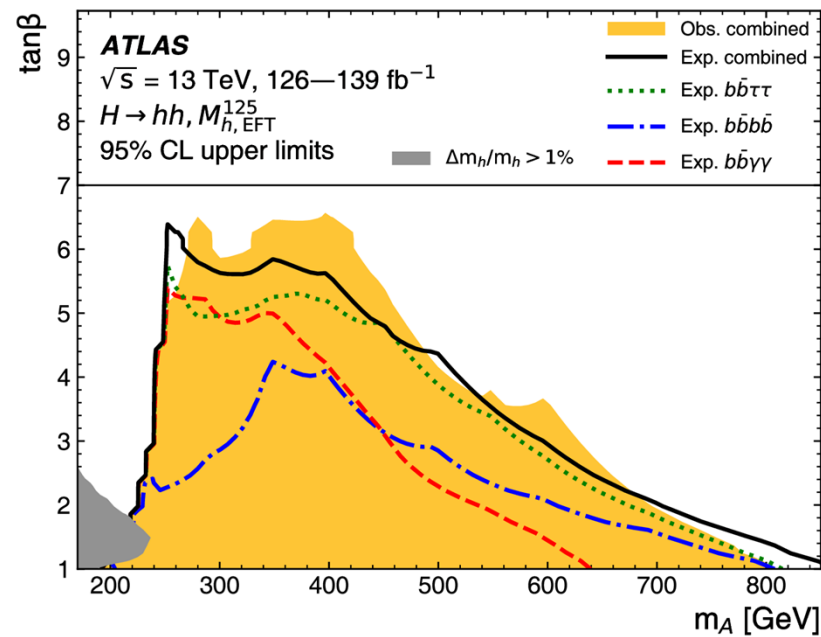
2HDM Type I

+other planes



MSSM

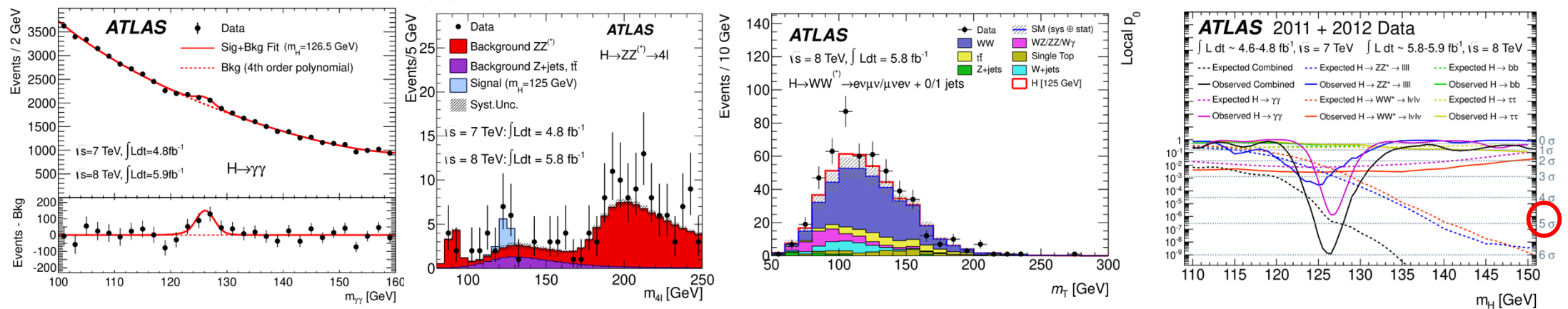
+other benchmarks



Constrain parameter space not previously excluded

# Conclusions

## Run 1 (2011+2012): Higgs discovery



→ couplings to bosons

Followed by first measurements of properties

-Mass:  $m_H = 125.09 \pm 0.24$  GeV

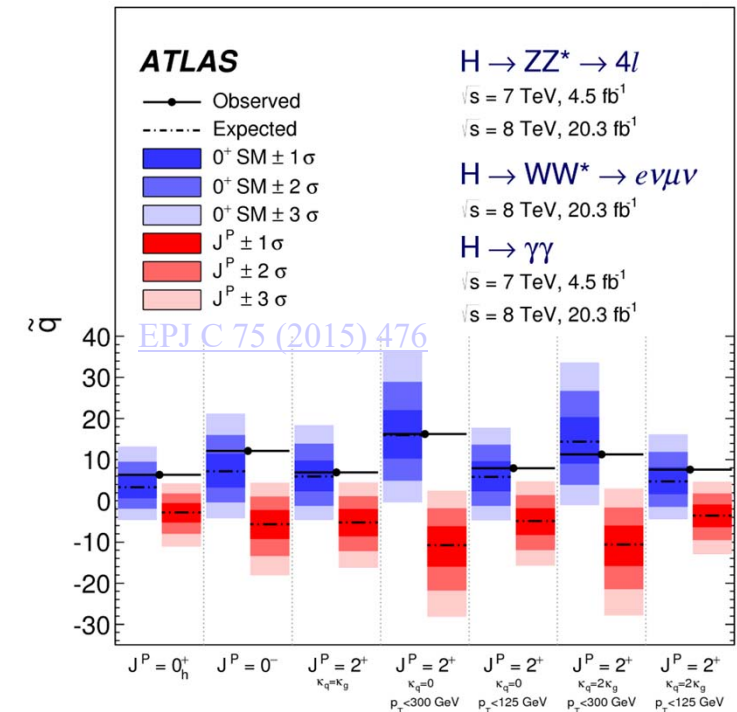
used as input for almost all measurements of Run 2

-Differential cross-sections

-Spin: boson: ... → 2 bosons

... → 2 photons: exclude spin 1

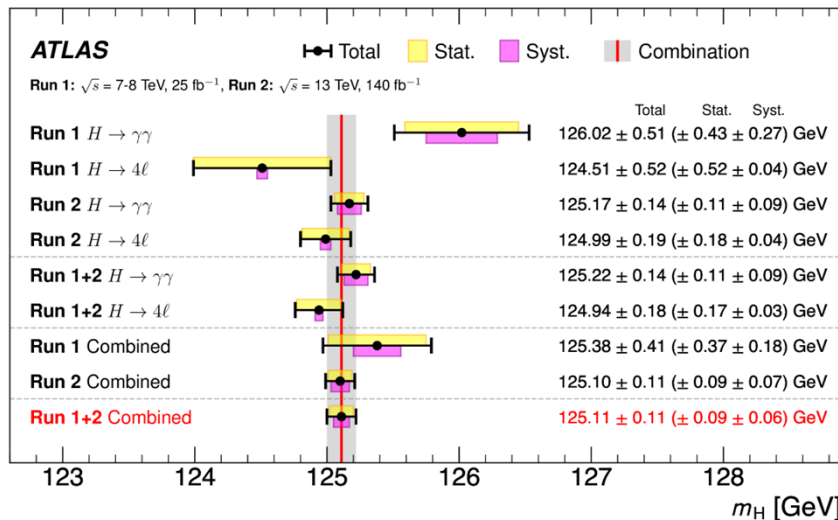
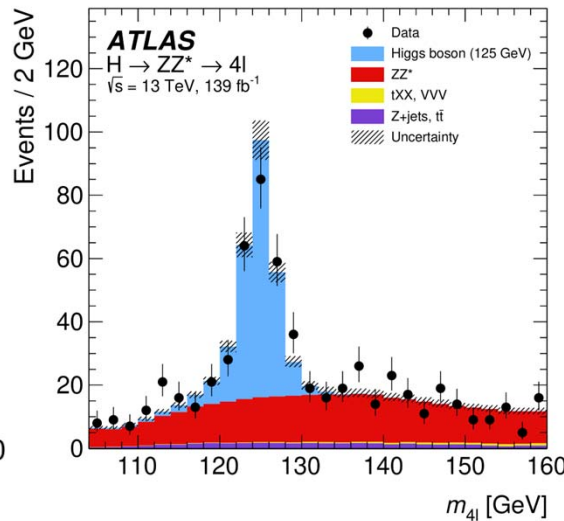
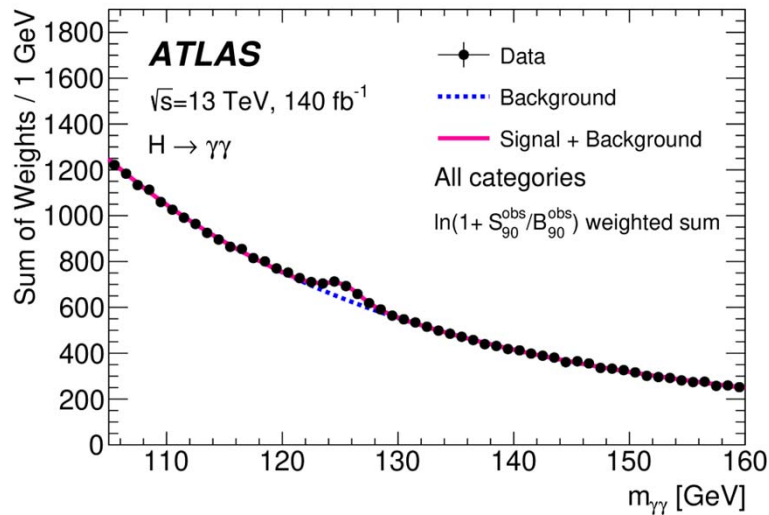
-CP alternatives excluded →



# Conclusions

After Run 1 **Higgs discovery**, couplings to bosons, and first measurements properties  
Vast program of measurements with Run 2

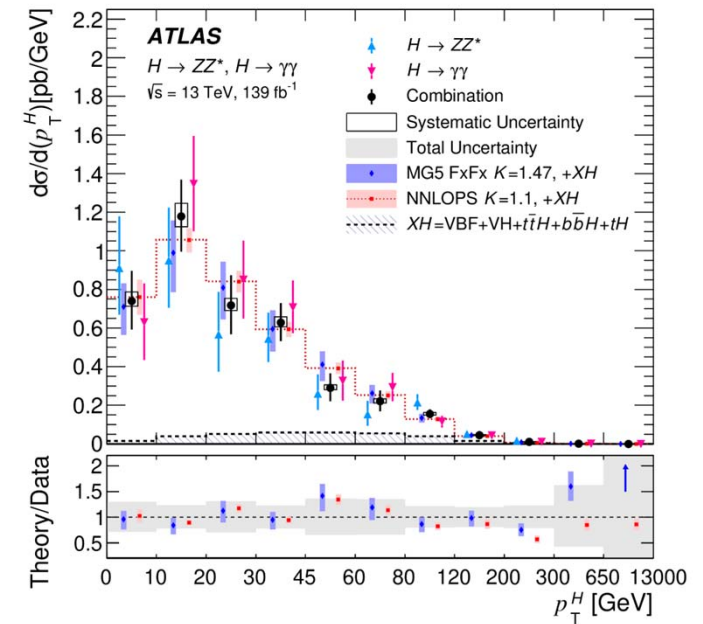
- Mass & width



Better than per mill precision

- Higgs width  $\Gamma_H$  (off-shell, on-shell): best sensitivity

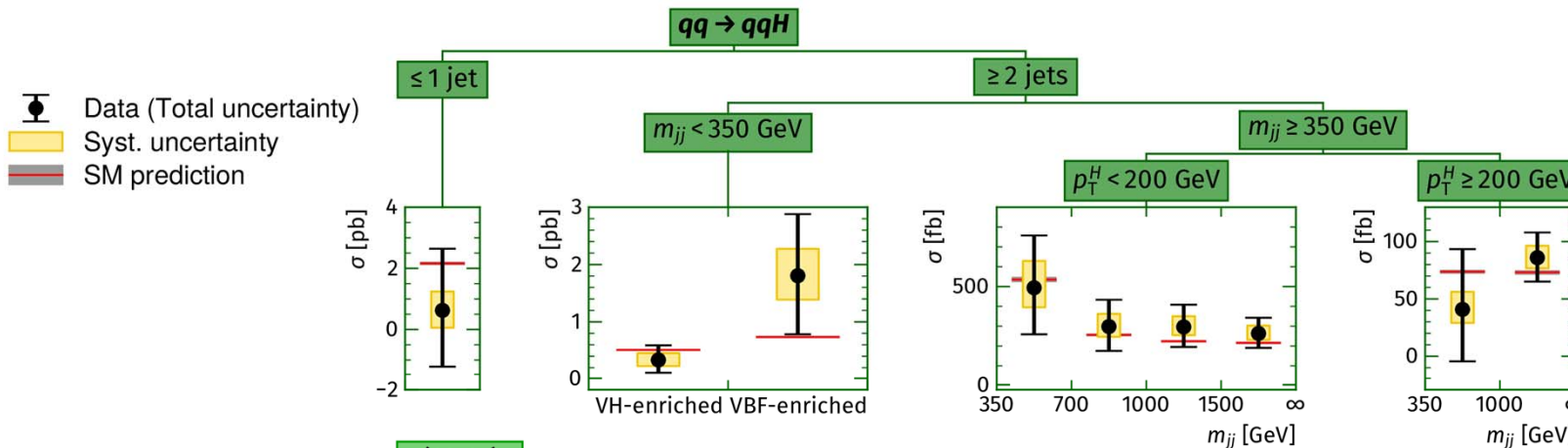
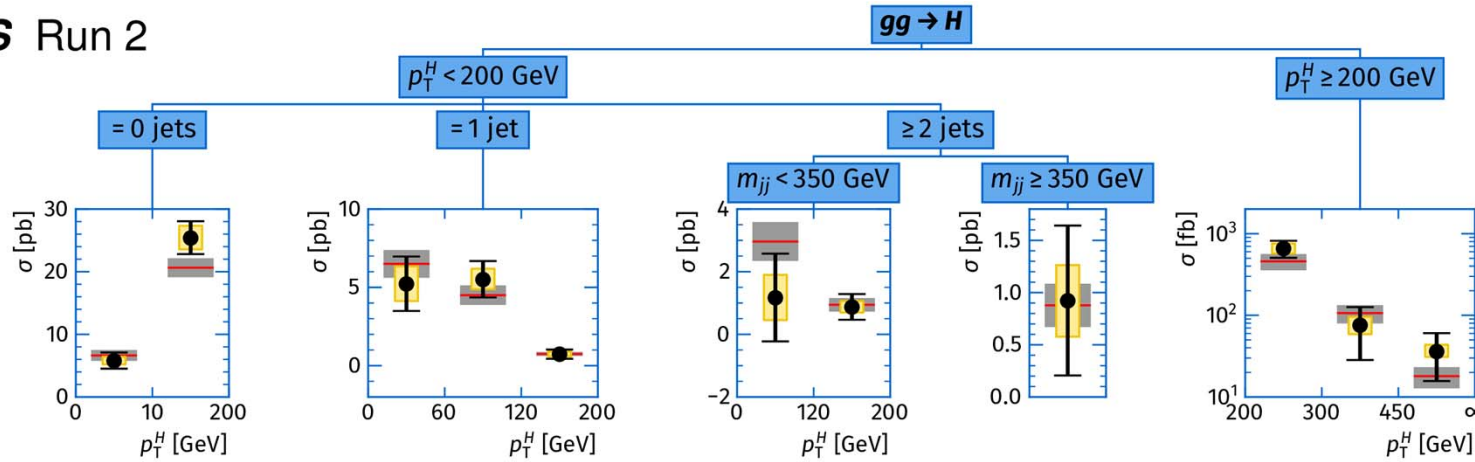
- Fiducial and  $d\sigma/dX$  7, 8, 13, 13.6 TeV evolution  $f(\text{kinematics})$ , eg:  $p_T^H$ ,  $y_H$ , etc.



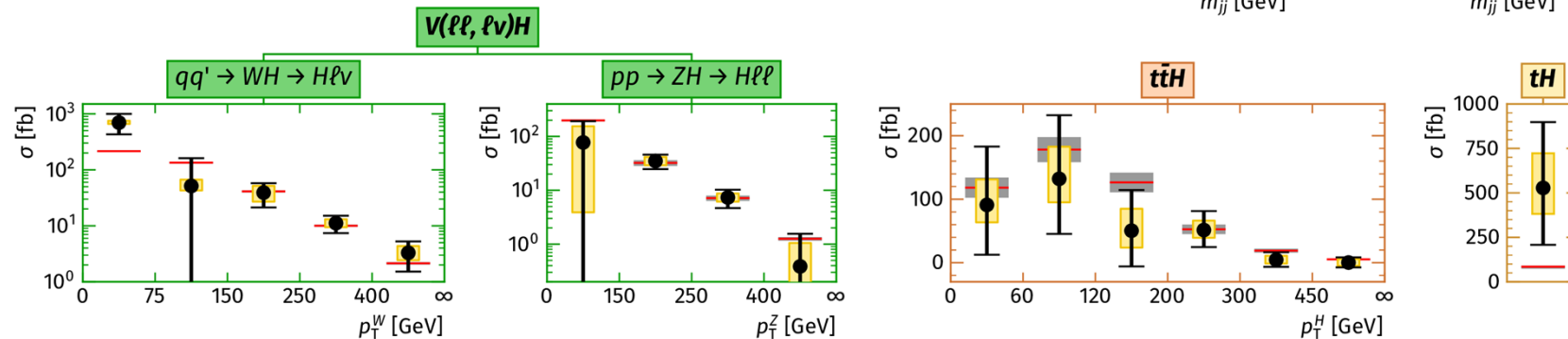
# Conclusions

Production cross-section in various kinematic regions (STXS) & EFT interpretation

ATLAS Run 2



+EFT interpretation  
(already shown)





# Conclusions

- Coupling to fermions

3rd generation

$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ,  $Z_{\text{obs}}=5.5$ , [JHEP 08 \(2016\) 045](#)

$t\bar{t}H$ ,  $Z_{\text{obs}}=6.3$  ( $Z_{\text{exp}}=5.1$ ), [PLB 784 \(2018\) 173](#)

$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ,  $Z_{\text{obs}}=5.4$  ( $Z_{\text{exp}}=5.5$ ), [PLB 786 \(2018\) 59](#)

2<sup>nd</sup> generation

$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ ,  $VH$ , 95% CL limit: obs: 26xSM (exp: 31xSM), [EPJC 82 \(2022\) 717](#)

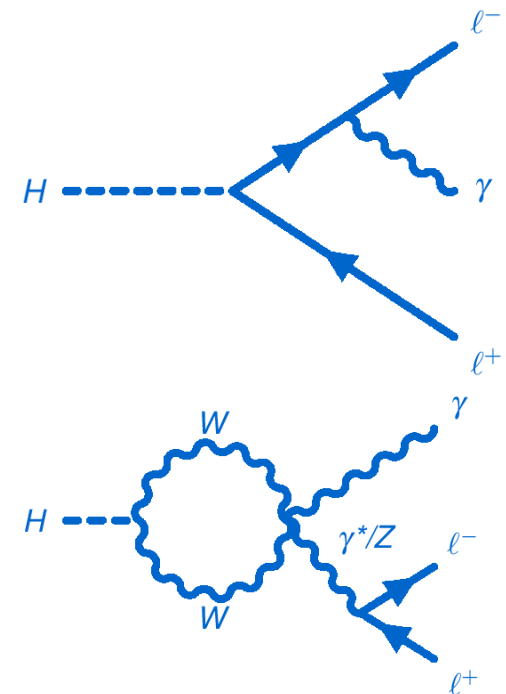
$H \rightarrow \mu\mu$ ,  $Z_{\text{obs}}=2.0$  ( $Z_{\text{exp}}=1.7$ ) [PLB 812 \(2021\) 135980](#)

- Rare loop-induced decays

$H \rightarrow l\bar{l}\gamma$ ,  $Z_{\text{obs}}=3.2$ , ( $Z_{\text{exp}}=2.1$ ), [PLB 819 \(2021\) 136412](#)

$H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ ,  $Z_{\text{obs}}=2.2$ , ( $Z_{\text{exp}}=1.2$ ), [PLB 809 \(2020\) 135754](#)

- More generally, establish most of phase space for  
Prod x Decay channels

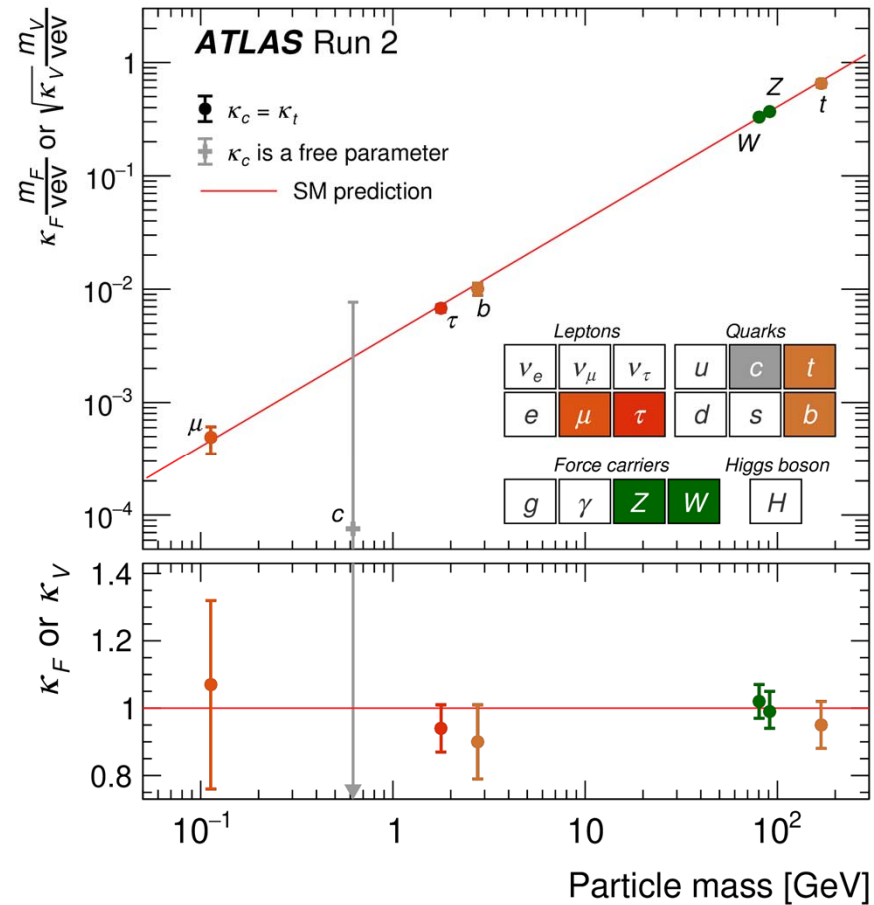
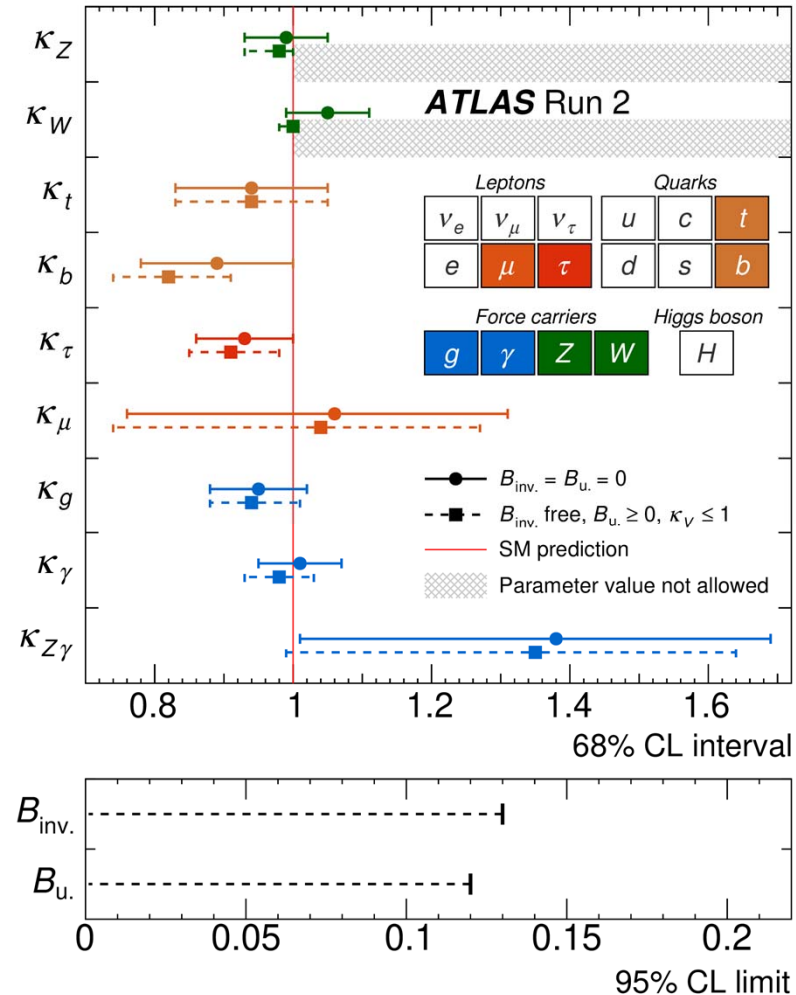


# Conclusions

- Cross-sections & couplings from combination

$\mu = 1.05 \pm 0.06$  (syst. dominated)

Couplings to other particles:  $\kappa$ -framework

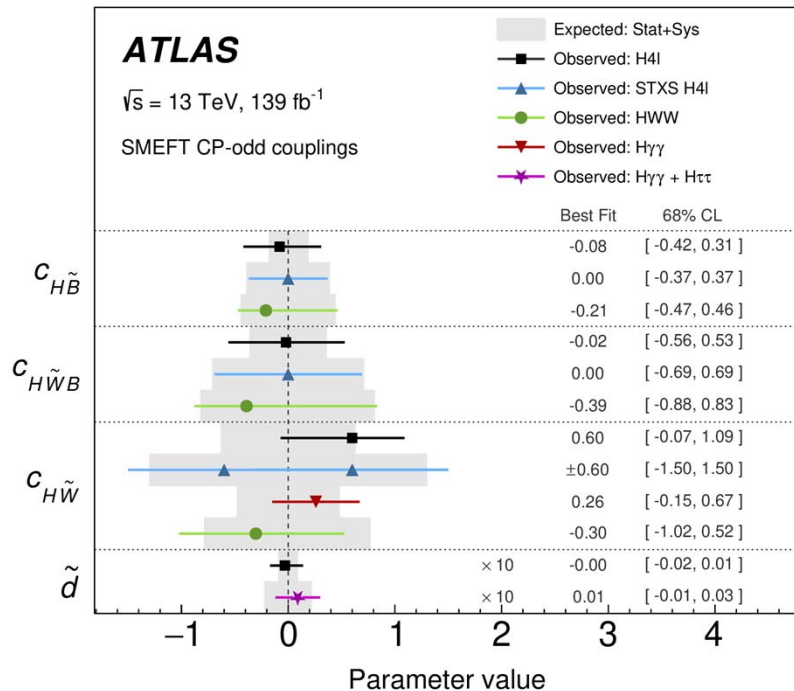


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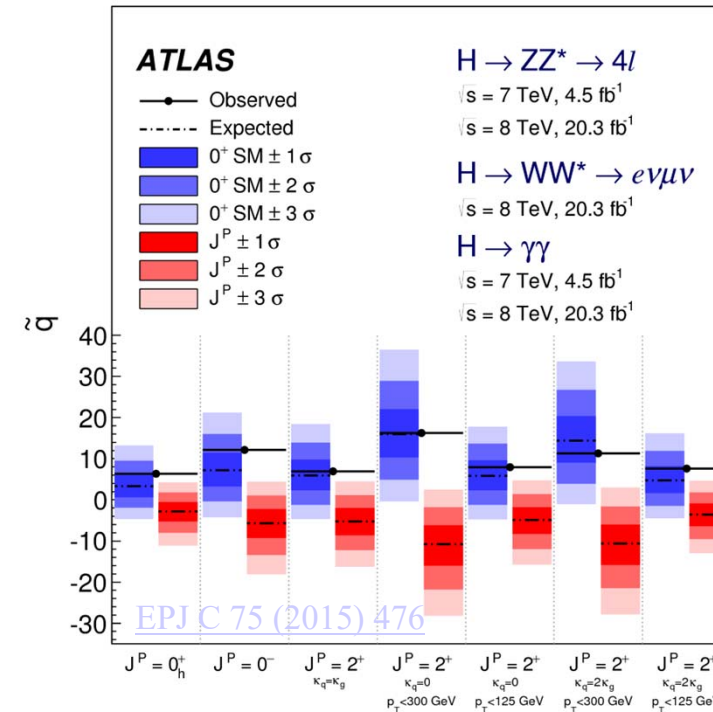
- CP properties: SM:  $J^{PC}=0^{++}$

## Parity P: Run 1

-Interactions w/ vector bosons  
Introduce CP-odd operators in EFT  
Warsaw basis: Wilson coefficients  
HISZ basis: single parameter



+H → WW\*



-w/ fermions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{HFF} = -\frac{m_F}{v} \kappa_F (\cos \alpha \bar{\psi}\psi + \sin \alpha \bar{\psi}i\gamma_5\psi)H$$

transverse spin components of  $\tau$  in  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$   
CP properties of Htt in ttH production  
both exclude CP-odd at  $>3\sigma$

Run 2 : no deviation from CP-even

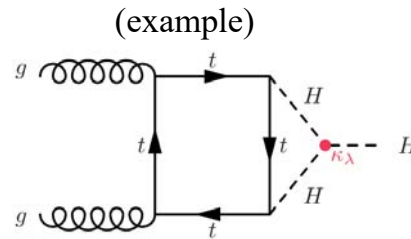
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[superseeding review version]

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[PLB 843 \(2023\) 137745](#)

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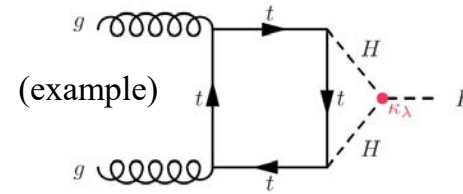
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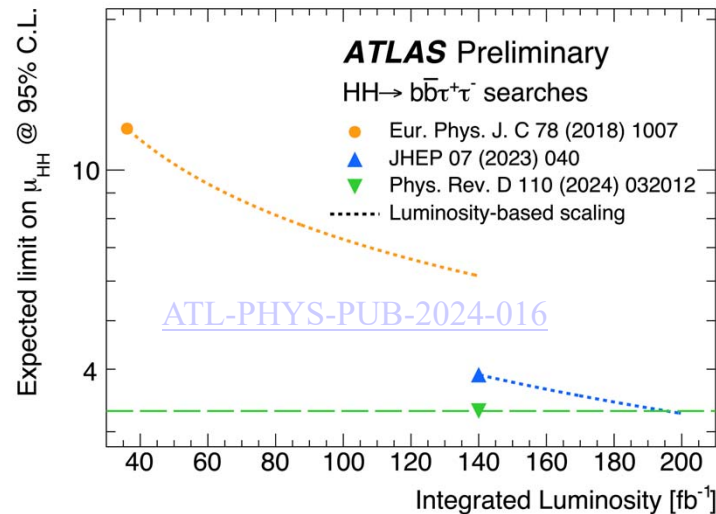
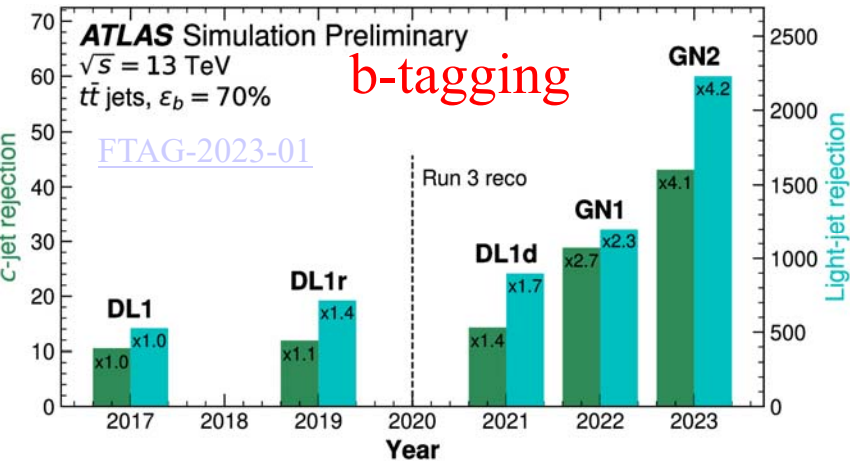


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$bb\tau\tau$ : illustrative proxy:  
 outperforming  
 expectation

To follow future developments. Thank you for your attention

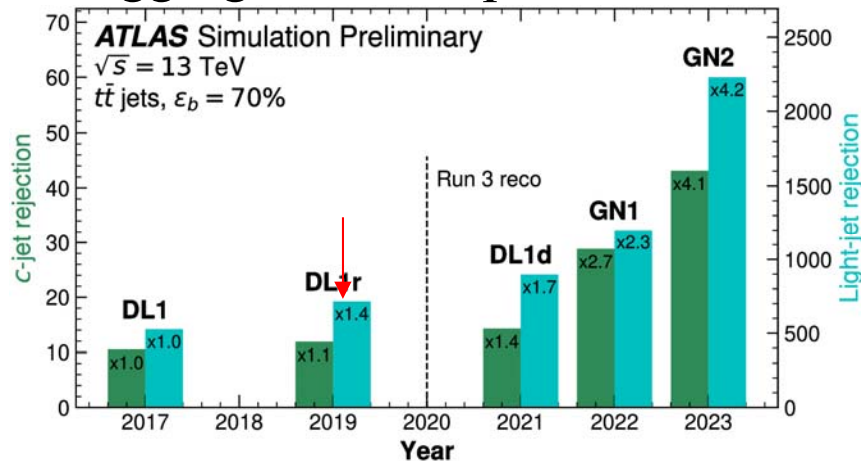
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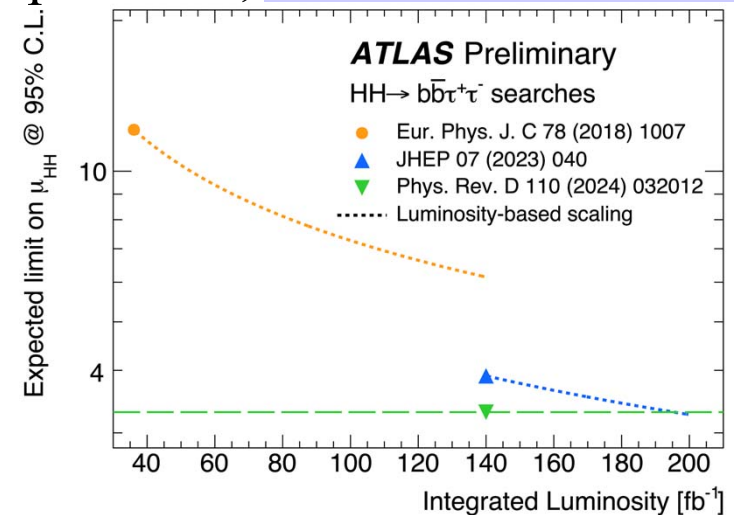
Run 3: -already more stat than Run 2  
integrated luminosity  
increased #interaction per bunch crossing  
Increased cross-section (higher energy)

b-tagging: much improvement already available



<https://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/PHYSICS/PLOTS/FTAG-2023-01>

bb $\tau\tau$ : example proxy for outperforming expectation, [ATL-PHYS-PUB-2024-016](#)



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